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End of the road for magistrates' court... **AS BARRY LOSES YET ANOTHER LANDMARK, WHAT IS NEXT FOR THOMPSON STREET?**

JUDGES in Cardiff have decided that the Vale Magistrates Court in Thompson Street will close later this year - and now there will be intense interest in Barry as to what will happen to the prime town centre location.

One suggestion is that it should become a cinema, replacing the Theatre Royal which screened its last film two and a half years ago, before it was acquired by Hafod Care for 'Extra Care' accommodation.

The future of the court had been hanging by a thread since a decision was made by the

Minister responsible for magistrates' courts, Jonathan Djanogly, to shut it as part of country-wide drive to make the judicial system more modern and efficient.

Later last week, it was announced that a judicial review had backed the Minister's decision.

A court insider told The GEM: "When staff heard the news, they were gutted. Absolutely gutted."

Coun Gordon Kemp, the Leader of the Vale Council, which launched the legal bid to rescue the court, said the outcome was disappointing.

He said: "It is with reluctance that we have to accept the decision of the court."

"The judges recog-

by TIM CHAPMAN

nised the importance of this case for the people of Barry and that there were powerful arguments in favour of retaining the court.

"The judges further acknowledged that the decision to close the Vale Magistrates Court caused much distress to the users of the court, magistrates and staff, the council and the wider community."

"However, having heard the arguments, the judges reached the conclusion there was no error in law and the approach of the Lord Chancellor."

Coun Kemp did make one final appeal to decision-makers in London: "In light of the comments made by the judges we call upon the Lord Chancellor, even at this late stage, to formerly reconsider his decision to close the magistrates court."

The Vale MP Alun Cairns, a strong campaigner against closure, expressed his disappointment and frustration at the outcome.

Mr Cairns met Jonathan Djanogly to ask him to think again.

Mr Cairns said he had told the Minister that instead of saving money, the closure could cost money.

"The outcome of the hearing is really disappointing. I said at the time of the announcement that the decision to close was simply wrong and still think the same. "The Minister told me of the need to save money, but I told him that closure would have the reverse effect and increase costs on the police and local authority."

"I think the decision to close the court is completely wrong and that's why I pressed to meet with the Minister urgently earlier this week."

Jane Hutt, the local Assembly Member, said it was a decision the UK Government would rue and was a "terrible blow" to the community.

"The loss of local justice in Barry, the largest town in Wales, is devastating. "The court was acknowledged to be modern and highly effective, with recent capital investment in the

building and an excellent domestic violence court.

"The case put forward by David Taylor (the chairman of the magistrates' bench) and myself for the retention of the court was very strong."

"I am concerned that the key issues we identified, such as Barry's strategic regeneration area status, MoD St Athan and difficulties in accessing Cardiff Magistrates' Court via public transport, were not given the weight they deserved."

ENTERTAINMENT
So what will happen to the site when it is marketed by the Court Service? Will it become a cinema, flats, a retail outlet or something else?

The Thompson Street area is currently undergoing a £1million facelift and Paul Sutton of the Save Our Cinema Association, which is campaigning to bring back big screen entertainment to Barry, pointed out: "It would make an ideal site for a cinema. It is walkable for children in the town, has parking facilities, and is in a regeneration area with transport links."

Mr Sutton said SOCA would be monitoring the marketing of the site with interest, and emphasised that he favoured a cinema complex on Thompson Street rather than one on the Island, which put forward ambitious plans for an indoor entertainment and retail complex as long ago as 2008.

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ABOVE: Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc has entered a number of sports teams, like the rugby one above, in local competitions. (Please turn to page 22 for the school's latest news).

Big day in Barry!

THE Eisteddfod proclamation ceremony will fill the streets of the town this Saturday (June 25).

The procession starts at 2.15pm. (For further details, turn to page 11)

STORE D-DAY

THE Vale Council's planning committee is to make a visit to the proposed site of a new Sainsbury's supermarket outlet on Park Crescent, Barry this afternoon, June 23.

The supermarket giant says it will bring more choice to the shopping area, along with jobs.

Local campaigners have gathered more than 3,000 signatures from people opposed to a convenience store on the grounds of road safety and the fact that local shops already provide what the community needs.

Councillors could make a decision on the store when they meet in the evening. (For more on the story, please turn to page 3).

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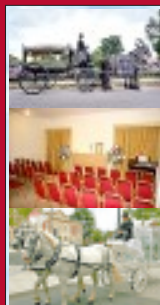
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Vale's 'lack of transparency'

ERIC THOMAS' letter in last week's GEM regarding the naming of the new Welsh medium school in Barry made for worrying reading.

The lack of transparency put forward by the Vale cabinet as to why they rejected the governing body's unanimous decision to name the new school Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynfor is especially worrying.

Why ask the governing body to decide on a name – a name put forward by its pupils – if the Vale cabinet simply overrules their decision and disregards the opinions of those who matter? The whole affair sounds decidedly dodgy.

To build upon Mr Thomas's point that schools in Barry can be named after political figures such as Palmerston and Gladstone, shows that a precedent has been set.

Councillors' White Farm votes vital!

IN reply to the manager of Persimmon Homes, Steve Williams, in last week's GEM (Developer speaks out on White Farm*) I have been consistent in my opposition to developing White Farm for over 20 years.

During that time, we have had many battles, some we won some we lost. But I have always believed that any developments should be directed to brown field sites such as Barry Docks, and not green field sites like White Farm.

I have also always supported the majority of my residents who clearly want this green area to be kept as a 'green lung' for the people of Barry.

At tonight's planning meeting (June 23) I will once again voice my concerns – such as the

So why not name a school after Gwynfor Evans? The fact that Gwynfor Evans was a Barry boy only makes the cabinet's decision even more peculiar.

Gwynfor's life work to ensure a future for the Welsh language in Wales, surely makes him a far more inspirational figure to our future generations than the opium-addicted poet, Iolo Morganwg, whose name was adopted for the Welsh medium school in Cowbridge in 1979.

I can only hope that the Ysgol Sant Baruc pupils involved in the decision-making process are not overly disillusioned by the disrespectful way that they have been treated.

Is it any surprise that young people don't engage in politics? Let's hope that the cabinet changes its stance on this issue – so that the children of Barry can see that there is a future for democracy.

Huw Jones, Barry.

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'Nursery event not part of town walls celebrations'

THE GEM recently carried an advertisement feature about the new nursery housed at the former health centre in Old Hall grounds, Cowbridge.

Whilst acknowledging the nursery's decision to stage their open day to coincide with our planned celebration of the completion of work to restore our town walls (and phase one of the revival of Old

Hall Gardens), I must point out that the nursery's event and ours are entirely separate.

The restoration of the town walls, initiated by Cowbridge Charter Trust, was planned, prepared and supervised in its entirety by the Trust and funded by a grant from the Vale Council, creating a saving for the authority of more than £300,000 in so doing.

This has been an admirable local initiative employing local craftsmen and consultants, so I must make it clear that our celebration of that achievement should not be confused with the nursery school, which is a private run-for-profit enterprise, whereas our walls restoration has been achieved through the initiative of Cowbridge Charter Trust and all those volunteers who have helped us.

It is work of signal importance to the town of which I and fellow trustees feel justly proud. Indeed, I suggest there is no better example of the government's vaunted Big Society in action, which is why we intend to celebrate it in a suitably modest way on Saturday, July 16.

It will be a free event to which all citizens are invited, so please keep an eye on The GEM for more details nearer the time and check our Cowbridge Charter Trust website (www.cowbridge-charter-trust.co.uk).

Hugh Field, (Chairman, Cowbridge Charter Trust)

Memorial does need a clean-up

WITH regard to the letter from Christopher Short about Wenvoe war memorial in last week's GEM, I took the matter up with David Hughes, the memorials officer of the south Wales branch of the Western Front Association.

He confirmed that he had photographed the memorial a few years ago, when it was indeed showing signs of wear, and that Mr Short is correct in saying that it could do with a thorough

clean and the re-high-lighting of the names.

As the memorial has a special area in the village, we think that the Vale of Glamorgan Council would have some responsibility for its care.

Another organisation which might be able to help would be the War Memorials Trust, whose regional volunteer is a Mr Ceri Jones, who could be contacted via the Trust's email address info@warmemorials.org.uk.

Hopefully this information will enable Mr Short to ensure that the memorial is refurbished in the near future.

Gavin Davies, Penmark.

'Women-only move is a step too far'

I RESIGNED from the Labour Party because of its unfair policy of imposing all-women shortlists which effectively banned men from standing in elections.

It now appears that New Labour deputy leader Harriet Harman wants to take this a step further by demanding the party changes its rules so that its leader or deputy leader must always be a woman.

Now as a trade unionist, I'm all for promoting women and equality and trying to get more

women involved in politics. However, I believe this is a step too far because I feel that it should be the best person for their job regardless of their sex or anything else for that matter.

I was effectively bullied out of the party for showing my opposition to this form of sexual discrimination.

I will always stand by my view that the exclusion of males is unfair and against the principle of equality. This clearly is a step too far!

Coun Richard Bertin, Independent Member, Vale Council.

'Thank you from Age Concern!'



Photograph: Heather March

ON behalf of Age Concern's Western Vale Good Neighbour Scheme, I would like to thank everyone who generously supported or attended our very successful coffee morning on June 9.

Together with donations received on the day, we raised an amazing £631. This will go towards our clients'

Christmas party, and towards supporting the good neighbour scheme.

Just as important as the money raised, it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers and advisory group, who worked so hard in order to make the event such a success. Without their help and kindness we could not hold these events.

Kathryn Coupland Good neighbour scheme co-ordinator

Praise for the A&E

ON reading last week's GEM, I felt every sympathy for the Kenfig Hill family who had to wait seven hours at Princess of Wales Hospital's A&E.

However, our family tell a very different story. Our brother has lung problems and has visited the A&E numerous times this year alone.

His treatment, and the speed of it, has been wonderful. We cannot

praise the staff enough, both there and in CDU.

He has been transferred to Ward 5 and even spent two weeks in the High Dependency Unit.

He was sent for an operation to Morriston, which was successful, and has now been transferred back into the care of Bridgend.

I know we all have different stories to tell, but feel that praise should also be given where it is due.

E M Davies, Boverton.

Old phones for Heroes campaign

BON MARCHE, Holton Road, Barry, has been collecting old mobile phones for Help for Heroes.

We have exceeded our target as we aimed to collect 100 phones, but we have so far had 120 brought into store and we are still going strong!

All thanks to the generosity of the people of Barry and surrounding areas.

We hope that we have made people more aware of this cause as Phones for Heroes are doing a fantastic job in helping raise money. Their website is www.phones-forheroes.com.

Sandra Downing, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 30)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
23 Thur	00.55	8.2	13.14	7.9
24 Fri	01.41	7.9	13.59	7.7
25 Sat	02.37	7.8	15.05	7.5
26 Sun	03.38	7.5	16.16	7.6
27 Mon	04.53	7.9	17.25	7.9
28 Tues	05.54	8.2	18.17	8.4
29 Wed	06.43	8.5	18.59	8.8
30 Thur	07.27	8.8	19.46	9.0

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Aberfan Taf thanks sponsors

I WOULD like to thank everyone who sponsored Aberfan Taf in the recent teddy parachute jump, with special thanks to Morrisons of Barry and JJ Windows for their sponsorship, enabling Aberfan Taf to raise over £200 in sponsorship money.

This is Aberfan Taf's second successful fundraiser after he was first purchased over 40 years ago to raise money for the Aberfan disaster. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Don Davies, Barry.

It's decision time today for the new Sainsbury's store

TODAY'S Vale planning committee meeting (June 23) is likely to make a decision on whether a Sainsbury's store will be allowed to open on Park Crescent., Barry.

In the past year, the future of the former Torque Tools site has become a burning issue in the town.

The supermarket giant

says it has worked with the Vale Council for a number of months in putting forward the proposal for the store.

It argues that a branch on Park Crescent will improve choice, bring new jobs and investment, and says its convenience store will complement other shops in the area.

However, local councillor Janice Charles, who has led a campaign against it, said she was cautiously optimistic that

the proposal for a store would be turned down.

"We have put together a lot of evidence for councillors which speaks for itself.

"Shops in Park Crescent that compete in the same market as Sainsbury's will not stand a chance. These are shops which keep the money in Barry.

"Even other shops in the area which are not directly in competition with Sainsbury's could

suffer if other retailers are forced to close."

Coun Charles pointed out: "Safety is a huge local issue too. The area does not need extra traffic and noise, or a 24 hour-a-day cash machine.

"Councillors will be going on a site visit in the afternoon, prior to the meeting in the evening. I think it will be particularly helpful for councillors who do not live in Barry to see the location.

"I am very optimistic that councillors will see exactly what the problems are."

Earlier this year, Sainsbury's was granted an alcohol licence for 39-40 Park Crescent, in the event of it being allowed to open a new branch.



Rhws pupils Wise Up about themselves – with a little help from new pal Healthy Harry!

WISE-UP WEEK at Rhws Primary School had pupils enjoying a wide range of activities while learning about themselves, staying healthy, looking after their

environment and wildlife, plus lessons in recycling.

The children also received a visit from healthy eating advisor Amanda Squires and her

assistant 'Healthy Harry,' (above) who said he was very impressed with the pupils' knowledge and understanding of healthy living!

VALE DYSPRAXIA GROUP MEETS

The next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be held on Monday, July 4, at 7.30pm in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

The group supports children and young people with dyspraxia (as well as related conditions such as dyslexia, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, OCD, Tourettes) and their parents and carers by providing advice and information as well as an opportunity to exchange experiences.

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Local women praise 'inspiring' servicemen on epic charity ride

by TIM CHAPMAN

TWO local women have raised more than £8,000 for Help for Heroes by completing an epic French cycle ride alongside men injured in wars abroad.

Carrie Williams from the village of Sutton and Lucy Higgins from Llanblethian covered 380 miles, enduring testing conditions over the six day ride.

But Carrie, who works for the BBC in Llandaff, was keen to point out that the real heroes of the ride were their companions.

"We were riding with people who were double amputees and were riding on hand bikes which are rather like go-carts."

"The riders were a mix of men and women, all ages, and we were privileged to have servicemen from the British and US Forces alongside us."

"They were truly inspiring. We didn't dare complain because where we were riding seven hours, they might be doing 10 hours!"

Carrie and Lucy's marathon began on June 5 when they met other riders in Portsmouth and cycled to the overnight ferry bound for Le Havre.

Over the next five days, the riders travelled



ABOVE: Lucy (on left) and Carrie at journey's end, The Eiffel Tower.

from Ste Mere Eglise all the way to Paris, crossing Pegasus Bridge, and visiting Caen, Falaise, the Mace, Lisieux, and Evreux on the way.

Some time was also set aside for remembrance of those killed in conflicts.

Carrie explained: "It was quite a challenge because it was windy and hilly, but Lucy and I had prepared well."

"We had trained hard, sometimes doing three days of 50 miles back to back, and individual rides of up to 72 miles."

"It meant that we were able to complete the ride

respectably."

Carrie and Lucy, whose son is in the Army, arrived in Paris on Friday afternoon, June 10.

Most of their fundraising has been done in the Vale.

Carrie said: "On the final day we were able to ride to the Arc de Triomphe and down Champs Elysees to the Eiffel Tower."

"I have raised around £3,500 and Lucy has raised about £4,500, so with more money coming in we have topped £8,000."

Two years ago, Carrie was featured in *The GEM* when she cycled from Cowbridge to Coventry, her home town, to help fund a pre-school nursery garden and equipment in Colwinston.

Probus presentation to local Inn



Mr Liam O'Leary receives the inscribed tankard from Mr Mac Tanner.

BARRY Probus 2 Club members gathered as president Mr Mac Tanner presented an inscribed tankard to Mr Liam O'Leary to mark the club's 25-year association with the Glenbrook Inn and the O'Leary family.

The Glenbrook is one of the few independently run pubs in Barry and a club spokesman said they appreciate the service, hospitality and, just as important, stability the O'Leary family have provided since they started their fortnightly meetings there in 1986.

Meetings follow the same format of

various speakers giving a talk on a wide variety of topics followed by a meal and conversation. They also organise skittle matches and a Christmas lunch at the Glenbrook.

The club is looking for new members. For information ring the secretary on 02920 513976.

TREV brings comfort

LLANDOUGH Neighbourhood Officers PC Alison Davies PCSO Jenna Hargreaves were in attendance at the Llandough summer fete held at the George V playing fields, on June 11.

The officers took TREV (The Reassurance and Engagement Vehicle) along so that they could give fete-goers the opportunity to chat to them in a comfortable yet relaxed environment.

PC Alison Davies said: "This was a great opportunity for us to meet members of the community at an informal event and allow them the opportunity to get advice in relation to any aspect of crime prevention or to tell us about any issues which are concerning them."

"For the children, having a police car there gave them a chance to sit in it and use the siren and flashing lights, which they really enjoyed."

Pupils get insight into Senedd's work



PUPILS from St Richard Gwyn High School are pictured at the Senedd, where they were briefed on the Welsh Government's work by cabinet member and Vale AM, Jane Hutt.

Cat hit by car

A Guthrie Street resident in Barry has contacted *The GEM* to let a local cat owner know that their pet had to be put to sleep after it was struck by a vehicle.

Alexandra Watts explained: "A car hit the cat, which was a male fluffy, long-haired, brown and tan colour, at 5.50pm on Tuesday."

"We wrapped it in a blanket and my partner took it to the vet where they decided it had to be put to sleep."

Resurfacing date for cycleway

RE-SURFACING of the cycleway and foot-path in Dingle Park, Penarth will be completed by the end of June, the Vale Council has reported.

A spokeswoman said: "The cycleway is part of the Lottery-funded Sustrans Connect2 project."

"In the longer term, a new bridge at Dingle Road station is proposed using funds raised from the Penarth Heights housing project."

"This project will also entail further work to improve the access route through the park to the bridge to ensure it is safe and convenient for cyclists and pedestrians alike."

"If given the go-ahead, this project is expected to take around two to three years."

ARREST

Police said yesterday that a 41-year-old man had been arrested in connection with an assault in Barry on Wednesday, June 15.

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Road hazard: Residents tell of their fears



A travel plan might ease residents' concerns.

EAST Aberthaw residents recently put their fears about living on a busy road to the Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She commented afterwards: "I learnt about the difficulties facing families with young children, elderly residents and those who rely on bus services rather than private cars."

"Crossing the road is a hazard but also walking to the playground is dangerous and accidents

are frequent. There are imaginative schemes in other rural villages in the Vale and I hope they can be considered for East Aberthaw, which is also a very attractive village to visit."

The AM said that she has written to the Vale Council and hopes a travel plan can be developed as part of Safe Routes in Communities to address real concerns, as she saw at first hand when walking a few yards with the residents.

Join Rhys for charity run!

MEN in the Vale are being invited to join former Wales rugby international, Rhys Williams, on a charity run in his home town at 10am on Sunday, July 3.

The 'Men on the Run in Cowbridge' event is being held at the town's rugby club and is dedicated 'In memory of Jeff Wadham, Neil Trehearne and the many friends we have lost in this town...'

Rhys Williams has strong connections with the town, having attended Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, and then on to Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

He played his first ever senior rugby match for Cowbridge RFC, a club where his father is a former captain.

Rhys went on to get 44 caps for Wales, and was a part of the 2005 Grand Slam team.

It is only the third

such event in Wales and England - the previous two 'Men on the Run' days have been in Gloucester and Worcestershire.

The chairman of the local Cancer Research UK committee, Anne Birt, explained: "We were keen to do the event in memory of great characters and friends that we have lost locally, and hope that it might be the first of a number of events."

"Participants have a choice of two runs for the charity, 10km or a less arduous 5km."

"In fact, we don't mind if people walk it, so long as they do the fundraising!"

The registration fee is £10 and people are asked to seek sponsorship from family, friends or perhaps a business. To obtain a free pack call Anne on 01446 774062 or email her on Annebirt@hotmail.co.uk

AS minister at Crossway Methodist Church, Barry, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the people who have helped at the church in what has been a challenging few months.

Local people may have been aware we have suffered from attacks on the hall roof, losing quite a lot of copper-covered boards.

I want to thank mem-

bers of the church who spent time clearing up rain water that came through the damaged roof in the hall on Sunday, June 12 and the church property steward and treasurer for their hard work dealing with practicalities.

I am grateful for the assistance of the local police in Barry. As a church we are grateful to some residents on Court Road who have alerted us on occasions to damage on the roof.

As a relatively new minister in Barry, I

would like to invite local town people to pop into our church next Tuesday, June 28, from 2.30pm - 4pm.

Telephone 01446 406262, or email revpete@live.co.uk for further information.

Rev Peter Taylor, (Methodist Minister in the Vale of Glamorgan Circuit)

Tory AM's surgery
DAVID MELDING, Conservative

Assembly Member for South Wales Central region, will be holding an advice surgery on Monday, June 27 at 29, High Street, Barry, between 10am and 11.30am. To make an appointment, telephone 02920 898732.

ANNIVERSARY 'PALMS' OUTING

FRIENDS and neighbours from Barry celebrated their first anniversary by going on a trip to Caerphilly Garden Centre and a meal in The Palms Restaurant.

Despite the rain, the group enjoyed walking around the garden centre. The group has grown to 36 members. It meets once a month at The Senior Health Shop in Holton Road for talks, lunches, trips.

For further information contact Gay Fifield on 01446/400044.

Calls for cinema and shops – but not housing!



MAGISTRATES COURT LOOKS SET TO CLOSE IN MONTHS...

LEFT: The Vale of Glamorgan Magistrates Court will see its cases being moved to Cardiff.

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Mr Sutton emphasised: "Now that Barry is to lose another facility, we should be looking to bring something economically viable into the town centre."

"There are enough housing developments in Barry at the moment and I don't think that another one on the site

would be welcomed."

Dr Ian Johnson, Plaid's Vale spokesman said he would like to see the council taking the lead and encouraging a cinema alongside other retail outlets.

"It is very sad and disappointing that the magistrates court is to close."

"Frustratingly, one of the unwritten reasons for this will be an assess-

ment of this town centre venue and what profits the Ministry of Justice could make from its closure and sale.

"I would love to see the location be used by local people, whether in the present building or built afresh, rather than just become more housing."

He added: "Given the town centre location and the investment in

Thompson Street, it would be good to see the Vale Council try to develop a small shopping centre on the site – hopefully with a cinema as part of any development."

Dr Johnson added: "It needs to be turned into something which will attract people to come to Barry town centre and spend money there."

A Court Service

spokeswoman confirmed: "Her Majesty's Court Service is the freehold owner of the property. We are exploring various disposal strategies to obtain the best value for the building."

The site could attract interest from one of the supermarket giants, which are always anxious to gobble up prime town centre sites.

However, that would require a change of use and Vale planners may not be keen on another supermarket, with Tesco and Morrisons already in the area.

Court staff are to be relocated elsewhere within the service – probably to Cardiff or Bridgend.

● **What do YOU think the site on Thompson Street should be used for?** The GEM would like to hear your views. Please contact us at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL; or email: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk.

A community party is held for the local Marie Curie hospice



Rita Limbrick of Rita's Multicultural Community Cafe held a tea party in Cadoxton to raise funds for Marie Curie Penarth and was joined by members of the local community including MP Alun Cairns (on far left) and the Vale's AM, Jane Hutt (third from right).

RITA LIMBRICK of Rita's Multicultural Community Cafe based in Cadoxton held a tea party in Cadoxton on Saturday, June 18 to raise funds for Marie Curie, Penarth.

Among those attending were the Vale MP, Alun Cairns, and the Vale AM Jane Hutt.

Thanks to funding by Newydd Housing and raffles held by Cadoxton Youth Project, Jane Hutt was able to present a £300 cheque to the 11th Sea Scouts Group for their new hall, a £100 cheque for local women's fitness classes

and a £400 cheque to Y-Care International, part of the YMCA.

The Y-Care cheque was presented to Robert Limbrick and will go towards the Japanese Earthquake Appeal.

Also attending the event were local town councillors Maggie

Payne and Olga Cash who have been regular supporters of Rita's fundraising efforts over the years.

Rita and the staff of the multicultural cafe based on Main Street will be fundraising for Marie Curie until July 12.

Status of local medieval village hangs in balance

A consultation into the future of Cosmeston Medieval Village will conclude this summer, and could lead to an end to the familiar costumed staff – although educational visits would continue.

One reader, Mr Bernard Brown, con-

tacted the GEM to say that he had been in touch with the council and understood that self-guided tours might become the norm with printed booklets or an electronic player which people would carry around during their visit.

Mr Brown pointed out: "Nothing can compare to a story told by a real person dressed in a period costume who

can answer questions and interact with children who may be bored with reading a booklet, or sharing an electronic device with other children."

"I fear this cost cutting will be the death-knell for this ancient part of our heritage."

The GEM approached the council to find out when it was likely to come to a decision on what would

happen. Bob Guy, the operational manager in the economic development and leisure division, explained: "The formal consultation on proposed changes to the medieval village will end early in July, and consideration will be shortly afterwards."

"Options have already been presented to the council for consideration."

"If the current proposal goes ahead, then the village would be absorbed into the country park and maintained by an enhanced ranger team."

"Entry would be free of charge for all, but there would be no historic costumed staff on site at most times."

"Educational visits will continue. Visitors will be able to continue to use electronic wands to interpret the site and artefacts, which is already by far the most popular choice at the village since they were introduced in several languages."

He added: "The site would be available to external groups or enthusiasts to hold special themed events and we would be working with potential partners to this end."

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Vale Mayor's Poppy party for British Legion



ABOVE (left to right): The Mayor of Llantwit Major, Coun Eddie Williams; the Mayor of Barry, Coun Bronwen Brooks; Vale Mayor Coun John Clifford; and the Mayor of Penarth, Coun Anthony Ernest.

As the photographs above show, the party was very well supported by friends and colleagues of Coun Clifford.

At the beginning of 2011, the Royal British Legion asked individuals and groups to take part in the 'Great Poppy Party Weekend' to celebrate their 90th birthday.

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun John Clifford, decided to host a garden party at Dyffryn Gardens to celebrate the occasion. Guests enjoyed afternoon tea in the marquee to the music of 'Swingbridge' and the event raised £600 for the Royal British Legion.

Barry's £9 million regeneration cash

A GEM story (published on May 26) detailed plans to spend £300,000 on project managers and feasibility studies on schemes connected with Barry regeneration.

These schemes included £100,000 towards a replacement footbridge at Barry Island Station, work in the Innovation Quarter and others.

Unfortunately, the article assumed that this £300,000 would be taken from the £9 million grant given to Barry in 2010 by the Welsh Government after its decision to designate the town a 'regeneration area'.

The GEM has been asked to make clear that the £300,000 is, in fact, an allocation from the Vale Council's capital programme 2011/12, a sum approved by council

in February 2011.

David Williams, the principal regeneration officer for the Vale Council, explained: "The allocation is primarily used for feasibility, design and project management work, which levers in capital funding from external funding streams for the implementation of schemes."

Roadworks

THERE are temporary traffic controls in operation at Thompson Street, Barry; and A4050 Port Road East, Barry.

Road closures

Cwrt y Gwilym Bridge; Terra Nova Way from the junction of Penarth Portway to the roundabout at Marconi Avenue; Stanwell Road, Hickman Road, Windsor Road, onto West House, Penarth.



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A FAIR DEAL HERE IN WALES SHOULD START WITH FAIR FUNDING

THIS week the First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, made a statement to the Assembly on the Welsh Government's position on the financial reforms that we are calling for from the UK Coalition Government.

Last year, the Assembly unanimously supported a motion backing the recommendations of the Holtham Commission, which undertook a very thorough review of Welsh funding arrangements.

The Commission provided clear evidence that we are underfunded by around £300 million per year and the current system needs reform.

A debate in the House of Lords last week, initiated by Lord Barnett himself, took up the call for reform, with Members from Wales asking the Government to change the formula to meet our needs, to address the unfairness that has resulted in this shortfall so clearly identified by Professor Gerry Holtham and his team.

The Welsh Government is open to a constructive dialogue with the UK Government, and the First Minister will shortly be meeting the Chancellor to discuss these matters and I will be meeting the Chief Secretary to the Treasury. The UK Government has made a commitment to come forward with proposals and we look forward to discussing these.

Our priorities are to make progress on fair funding and to gain borrowing powers to fund

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

capital investment, as was made clear in the First Minister's statement and in a debate in the Chamber on Wednesday.

It is vital that we put our economic recovery at the forefront and we need borrowing powers to help support this, to support construction and an effective public services infrastructure.

This is imperative as we grapple with the Welsh budget for capital expenditure being cut by 41 per cent over the next four years.

A fair deal for Wales should have included the reversal of the proposal to close the Barry Magistrates Court. Last week, it was announced that the High Court had rejected the legal challenge from the Vale Council over the closure of the court, which was announced a few months after the general election by the Justice Secretary, Ken Clarke, despite recent investment in the

modernisation of the court by the previous Government and a recent reprieve from closure by Harriet Harman MP. More than 1,000 people signed the petition against the closure and a convincing case was made by the Chair of the Bench, Dave Taylor JP, myself, the Vale Council, our MP and Atal y Fro, supporting victims of domestic abuse.

In response to the announcement last week that the challenge to the closure plans was rejected I said that this was a huge disappointment which the UK Government would regret.

The loss of local justice in Barry, the largest town in Wales, is devastating. The court serves the whole of the Vale and was acknowledged to be highly effective.

The quick fix, short-term savings that may be made from the disposal of the court will soon be lost and justice will not be done in the Vale, which will have profound and costly effects.

I have been encouraged, however, by the enthusiasm and commitment of our new Housing and Regeneration Minister, Huw Lewis AM, whom I met twice last week to discuss the needs of Barry prior to his first meeting of the Barry Regeneration Board on Friday.

I hope and trust that this will help us to secure 'a fair deal for Barry' as we seek to maximise all opportunities for investment in the economic, social and environmental regeneration of the largest town in Wales to benefit our families, communities and businesses.

Champagne tea at Dyffryn raises £16,500 for charity

D Y F F R Y N Gardens recently hosted the UK's largest Strawberry Tea, introduced by BBC's Jason Mohammed and organised by Breast Cancer Care Cymru.



Elaine Nicholas is pictured third from right.

Guests were treated to high tea and champagne, as well as an impromptu fashion show.

Five women and one gentleman, all of whom have received a breast cancer diagnosis took to the stage wowing the audience in clothes donated by Body Basics of Pontcanna and some stunning hats loaned by Vivien Sheriff.

One of the models, also a member of the events organising committee, Elaine Nicholas of Barry, explained: "We decided to hold this event to raise the profile of Breast Cancer Care Cymru and to raise some much needed funds in the process."

"Our ambition was to raise £10,000 and thanks to sponsorship secured from Geldards, Pepsico, Confex and Western Power Distribution, as well as table sales and on the day fundraising we managed to raise in excess of £16,500 which is fantastic in my mind, considering it was an

afternoon tea."

The funds were boosted by Elaine's a £750 contribution from Elaine's employers Barclays through their £ for £ matched giving scheme as Elaine personally managed to raise £1,860 by organising a balloon raffle on the day.

Elaine added: "All of the models had modelled at the first ever Breast Cancer Care Cymru fashion show in 2010 at City Hall and I know that personally I found it an incredible moment. Throughout my diagnosis I tried to maintain a positive attitude and

modelling was the icing on the cake for me. We will now begin planning for the next big event, the Breast Cancer Care Cymru Fashion show which takes place on March 7, 2012 - so make sure you all save the date."

Teachers' day of action set for next Thursday

THE major teaching union said it is expecting a strong response by teachers in south Wales to a day of action next Thursday, June 30.

Strike action is expected to take place across Wales and England, and Mr David Evans of the National Union of Teachers Wales' secretary told The GEM that he believed that would include teachers in the Vale and Bridgend areas.

"I think there will be a very positive response. A high percentage of teachers were in favour in the ballot - 92 per cent

across Wales and England.

"The feedback that we are having is that members are heeding the call and a high proportion of schools will close."

Mr Evans insisted: "This government is attacking teachers' pensions. The only proposals mean paying more, working longer and receiving less. The current scheme is affordable and we don't think that has changed."

He pointed out that as recently as 2006-7, teachers had made additional contributions.

The Vale Council said its schools which had members in the NUT or in the Association of Teachers and Lecturers could be affected.

A spokeswoman explained: "Those schools will advise parents if they are going to be open or not - the council will put this information on its website as and when details are confirmed."

"The council will also update its web pages on a regular basis on June 30 as new information comes in."

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TALBOT GREEN PLAN WILL CREATE 'NEW TOWN CENTRE' - AND 1,900 JOBS

DEVELOPERS have announced a proposal for a £200 million investment to create a new "town centre" for Llantrisant, Talbot Green, and Pontyclun, with the potential to create 1,900 jobs.

Valad Developments Llantrisant Ltd, a joint venture between Valad and the Scarborough Development Group, are to submit an outline planning application to Rhondda Cynon Taf Council this summer, following consultation with the community and other stakeholders.

A spokesman for the developers said that the

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

proposed town centre will be built on mainly brownfield land, including the sites of the former Puroilite and Staedler factories alongside the A473.

He continued: "The proposal includes plans for a department store, a major new supermarket and 40 shops suitable for 'high street' brands.

"A leisure and entertainment quarter will contain a multi-screen cinema, as well as cafes, restaurants, bars and hotels.

"In addition, there will be office space for local businesses, a range of civic and community facilities, residential apartments and town

houses. There will also be improvements to the local highways network, and better connections for public transport, cycling and pedestrians."

Andy Richardson, Valad's head of UK Development, said: "This imaginative proposal will regenerate and transform a largely derelict site and bring many new jobs to the local area. It will provide the additional shopping that is needed locally, as well as new entertainment and leisure facilities.

"Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council wants to give this growing area a new heart and focus. Its Local Development Plan provides the framework for a new town centre development that will help to achieve these objectives."

He continued: "Currently, this area does not receive the economic benefit from local shoppers because they choose to shop further afield. The new town centre will address this issue by providing retail space for multiple stores, as well as for smaller specialist shops.

This will help reduce the need for people to travel out of the area for regular shopping trips."

As part of the proposal, the Leekes store will relocate to a purpose-designed building on another part of the site. Emma Leekes, managing director of Leekes, said: "This ambitious redevelopment will include the construction of a brand new Leekes store very near to our existing site.

"This modern building will act as our flagship home store and will include new ranges and products. We will trade seamlessly throughout, with our new store being constructed and ready to open before we close at the existing site. We will literally lock the doors at our current site one evening and welcome our customers to our brand new store the very next morning."

Mark Jackson, managing director of the Scarborough Development Group, added that consultation will be an important step before any planning application is made to the local authority.

He added: "We will be holding a public exhibition over three days to present our proposals to the communi-

An artist's impression of the new shopping centre.



NEW LEEKES STORE



A new Leekes store will be a major feature of the development.

ty. We hope that people will come along and find out more, and we will answer any questions that they may have."

The public exhibitions will be held on: Tuesday, June 28, at Llantrisant Leisure Centre, between 12pm and 9pm; Wednesday June 29, at Bethel Baptist Church, Pontyclun, between 12pm and 9pm; and Thursday, June 30, again at Bethel Baptist Church between 12pm and 9pm.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Reminder of the sacrifices armed forces do make for our freedom

LAST week I was humbled to hear first-hand, members of the Royal British Legion recounting details of their time served with the armed forces.

It was one of the most moving experiences to hear how they fought in Japan and Malaya, lost comrades and also had to battle against malaria and other sicknesses.

The event was a Poppy party that I held in support of the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion, and to mark the significance of Armed Forces Day this week.

I was keen to support the nationwide celebrations of The Legion, which continues to help support millions of beneficiaries – men and women who serve and have served their country at home and abroad, many at enormous personal cost to themselves and their families.

The event was kindly hosted by Barry Comprehensive School and pupils from year-7 welcomed Royal British Legion members of the Barry branch, Sgt Llewellyn from the 2nd Battalion The Royal Welsh and local residents to the coffee morning.

The coffee morning also coincided with last week's vote in the Commons, where it was agreed to enshrine the Military Covenant in law for the first time.

This is the agreement between the community, government and Armed Forces to treat them fairly, to value and respect them as individuals, and to sustain and reward them and their families.

The new law has been passed to the Lords for approval and is something the Royal British Legion has been calling for, for some time.

The government signed in a Tri-Service Armed Forces Covenant for the first time, which sets out the relationship and obligations between the Armed Forces Community, the Government and the nation with the principles of the Covenant enshrined in law.

The commitment is a statement of obligation and enshrines in law a right for serving personnel to ensure adequate training, with the necessary equipment and that serving personnel benefit from housing rights, enhanced medical support, transport privileges, council tax discounts, amongst many other needs.

This Saturday is Armed Forces Day, which provides an opportunity to do two things:

Firstly, to raise public awareness of the contribution made to our country by those who serve and have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

Secondly, it gives us all an opportunity to show our support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families and from veterans to cadets.

I will be holding a second Poppy Party, this time at the Lesser Hall in Cowbridge at 10.30am on Friday June 24 – all are welcome to come along and support our Armed Forces community.

We need to champion their interests not only on Remembrance Sunday and Armed Forces Day but all year round.



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers



ABOVE: Barry Comprehensive pupils Jordan Karnicki, Adam Woolford and Thomas Butler-Sainsbury, hand a £200 cheque to Royal British Legion representatives at the Poppy party.

Advice surgeries

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, will be holding surgeries for advice and assistance on Friday, June 24, at the following locations: 1.30pm-3pm at the County Library, King Square, Barry; and 4pm-5.30pm at The Gathering Place, Flemington Road, St Athan.

Anyone in the Vale is welcome to attend, but surgeries are very busy, and it is advisable to call 01446 403814 to make an appointment.

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Ascot day!
MINE host of the Star Inn, Treoes, Clive and Trish, surpassed themselves with the celebration of Ladies' Day racing at Ascot.

Those present had their own fashion show and many of the ladies' outfits and hats were outstanding.

They also had a 'flutter' and there was jubilation for those who picked a winner.

All profits from this event will go to the National Eisteddfod which will take place next year at Llandow.

The next fundraising event in aid of the Eisteddfod will take place on July 9 when Mr and Mrs Harding will host a strawberry tea at their home in Llangan.

Tickets have already been sold out!

Musical concert

ST CANNA'S Church, Llangan, was full to capacity for the concert which took place on Friday, June 17 by 'The Minnesingers', their repertoire including songs from the shows.

This was the third time they had come to St Canna's and, hopefully, there will be many



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more!
Llangan School summer fayre
THIS year's summer fayre will take place on Saturday, July 2.

Kilimanjaro triumph

THE magnificent achievement of Miss Julia Lloyd of Treoes on climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania:

The journey began at Cardiff Airport, and after a long stop-over in

Amsterdam, they finally arrived in Tanzania. The team endured changing temperatures from heights of 35°C at the start in Moshi Town, down to 15°C at the summit.

For every two trekkers, there was a team of guides, cooks and porters in support.

The trek takes a total of five days including the descent on day five, covering different landscapes from rainforest, moor-

land, to lunar desert and arctic terrain.

Kilimanjaro is the tallest freestanding mountain in the world and due to the extreme conditions, only 45 per cent of all trekkers succeed in making it to the summit at 5,895 metres.

Julia told me the first three days were a pleasure, however, after that with the danger of altitude sickness and the 900 metre of gradient between 60-80 per cent climbing over shale and rock, it turned into a killer challenge.

The final push to the summit started at 11.30pm walking through the night, so as to arrive at the summit at dawn.

Progress was very slow but they could not stop too often at this height as the temperature was below zero.

Everyone learned the local phrase "pula, pula," meaning "slowly, slowly".

The final phase to the summit and the return to camp took an agonising 14 hours.

Julia's expenses for the challenge was financed by her father. All funds raised will go to Velindre Hospital, Cardiff.

Julia said: "A big thank you to the gentlemen who sent the £50 cheque, and to everyone for their support."

Walking group

A new walking group has been formed to "meet socially, enjoy healthy outdoor exercise, and appreciate the beauty of the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains".

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COURT PACT, 7pm, June 30, Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, 6pm, July 5, Residents Board Office, Coychurch Rise Barry.
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Vale girls' flower dance will be a highlight of ceremony



BARRY'S big day in the spotlight is just two days away as this Saturday's proclamation ceremony will formally recognise the Vale as the host of next year's National Eisteddfod.

The proclamation in Barry this Saturday (June 25) is gearing up to be a memorable day for the whole family – and it announces to the rest of Wales that Llandow is the venue for 2012.

The procession through the town centre (2.15pm) and the proclamation ceremony at the Gorsedd Circle in Gladstone Gardens (3pm) will be the highlights of the day, but there will be a whole host of other attractions.

It will also be a special

day for 34 young Vale girls (above) who will be centre stage at the main event.

The day will kick off at 10.30am where a special stage will be erected in King Square. The first performance of the day will be by Adran Heol y March, and throughout the morning there will be performances by local schools including: Y Bontfaen, Gwaun y Nant, Pen y Garth, Bryn Hafren and St. Curig.

Barry Male Voice Choir, Barry Choral Society and the Pen y Fai folk dancers will also perform.

Meanwhile, at the Gladstone Gardens another stage will be erected with performances starting at 12.30pm.

Entertaining the crowds here will be Ysgol St Baruc, Iolo Morgannwg, Bro Morgannwg and

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Gwenf. Also on this stage will be Barry Ladies Choir, and dancers from Menter y Fro and the Vale School of Dance.

There will also be a variety of stalls, sport and circus skills workshops, face painting, storytelling and much more.

The day's activities will end at 5pm.

Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "For some time now, the council has been working closely with the National Eisteddfod in preparation for next year's event at Llandow."

"The proclamation ceremony and festival is a chance to celebrate the event coming to the Vale, and is an opportunity for

local people to show their support for the National Eisteddfod.

"We are looking forward to seeing the traditional proclamation taking place in the heart of Barry. The National Eisteddfod was last held in the Vale in 1968, in Barry itself, and we are delighted to be once again welcoming the event to the county."

Admission to the ceremony is free and all are welcome.

FLOWER DANCE

One highlight of the day is bound to be the Flower Dance, which is a colourful part of all the Gorsedd ceremonies.

Local girls were chosen to perform the dance, which is based on a pattern of flower gathering from the fields.

Girls aged 8 – 10 from all over the Vale were invited in February to an open audition, and 34 were successful.

They have been hard at work rehearsing in the last few weeks under the watchful eyes of dance tutors Anne Hughes and Rhian James.

During the proclamation the girls will be dressed in green tunics decorated with garlands and posies of wild flowers, and will perform their version of Flower Dance for the first time.

Fire authority re-elect Vale man as chairman

SOUTH Wales Fire and Rescue Authority has announced that Coun Anthony Ernest of Penarth, has been re-elected as chairman of the authority for the forthcoming year.

He was re-elected at the AGM and Coun Keith Hyde, of Cardiff, was re-elected as vice-chairman.

Coun Ernest said:

"I'm incredibly proud to be re-elected to an authority that I have served on for seven years."

"It is a high-performing organisation that helps thousands of members of the public every day when exposed to the risks and the dangers that befall many of us during our lives."

Also re-elected were Coun R Greenland (Monmouth) as chair-

man of South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority finance, audit and performance management committee and Coun C Mann (Caerphilly) as vice chairman.

Coun R Mckerlich (Cardiff) was re-elected as chairman of the human resources and equalities committee and Coun John Daniels as vice chairman of human resources and equalities committee.

IN BRIEF

Bonsai talk

THE Llantwit Major Horticultural Society will meet on Wednesday, June 29, at 7.30pm in the Llantwit Major.

There will be a talk on Bonsai by Ian Rees, with colleagues from the Bridgend and District Bonsai Club, who will bring examples and demonstrate how to train the plants.

Admission, refreshments and raffle are free. Non-members welcomed.

Strawberry tea

THE annual strawberry tea and fair will be held at Plas Llanmihangel, on Saturday, July 3, at 3pm. There will be tours of the house for a small fee; stalls, teas.

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What's On and where in your area?

Town council open day
THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Bronwen Brooks, is inviting the public to visit the council offices at 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, to view memorabilia presented to past Mayors since the creation of the council in 1974.

They include paintings, civic regalia and gifts received from visiting dignitaries.

The open day will coincide with the proclamation of the 2012 Eisteddfod in Barry on Saturday, June 25, at 10am-3pm, culminating in a ceremony in Gladstone Park.

In 1920, the then

Urban District Council was presented with the Eisteddfod Chair, and this will be on display in the council offices.

Vale AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, June 25, from 10am to 12 noon at Dinas Powys Parish Hall, Britway Road.

No appointment is necessary, but should you require further information, please contact the office on 01446 740981.

Students' art work on show
THE work by final-year art students at

Barry College is on show at the Art Central gallery in Barry.

Adrian Metcalfe, course tutor at Barry College, said: "A number of students have based work around recent educational visits and research."

"This has stimulated a range of experimental approaches often linked to the local area."

"There are also a number of original and creative personal approaches evident throughout, reflecting the challenging and exciting developments the students made throughout their courses."

Entrance to the free

exhibition is through Barry County Library. It is open from 10am-4pm until Saturday (June 25).

Students from the college are available at the exhibition to talk about the work.

Who dunnit in Nantymoel!

BRIDGEND Castle Players present an evening of high drama and who-dunnits at the Berwyn Centre, Nantymoel, on Saturday, June 25, during a four-course meal in the library and warn diners to expect the unexpected until the 'murderer' is revealed.

Full details on 01656 754915.

Barry Arts Show

BARRY Arts are holding their Summer Show *Boat Rocks* - a tribute to the pirate radio stations of 1960s Radio Caroline and Radio Atlanta.

Changing Scene senior girls will be supporting the show on June 27, 28, and 29 at The Barry Arts Centre, Winston Road, Barry. Tickets available 01446/746282 or 02920/633217.

Legion picnic

THERE will be a Picnic in the Park to support the Royal British Legion at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, on

Saturday, July 2, 3pm.

Choirs, instrumentalists, marching bands. Standards on parade. Bring your own picnic and chair.

Tickets £3 (£2 for under-15) and bucket collection. Tickets on sale YMCA, John Street, Porthcawl, on Saturday, June 25.

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LOCAL GARDENS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



The gardens at Wilcot, St Athan.

THE following are among gardens open to the public on June 25-26:

Hen Felin and Swallow Barns, Dyffryn - Dyffryn hamlet is a hidden gem in the Vale. Wheelchair access is possible to most of the two gardens. As there is unprotected river access, children must be supervised in both gardens.

Yr Hen Felin: A beautiful cottage garden with stunning borders, breathtaking wildflower meadows, oak tree with surrounding bench, 200-year-old pig sty, wishing

well, secret garden with steps to river, lovingly tended vegetable garden and chickens. Mill stream running through garden with adjacent wild flowers.

Swallow Barns: Cross the bridge over the river and pass under the weeping ash to enter Swallow Barns garden, a 15-year-old garden with packed herbaceous borders - formal and informal, orchard, hens, herb garden, lavender patio, willow arches leading to woodland walk and deep secluded pond. We welcome all visitors - old and new. Open June 26, 12noon-7pm, entry £5.

Twyn yr Hydd, Margam Country Park, Margam.

Spread out over an 11-acre site and containing gardens designed and constructed by horticulture students, it includes herb, prairie, woodland and a vegetable garden.

The grounds also contain a walled garden designed by arts and crafts designer Ralph Hancock. The gardens house the largest collection of hebes in Wales.

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Toddle for Barnardo's

THE pre-school children at Y Bont Faen Primary School will be supporting the C o w b r i d g e Barnardo's helpers group this year with a sponsored 'toddle' on July 5.

The little ones will do their sponsored walk in fancy dress, with an animal theme, to raise funds for the popular young person's charity.

AN INVASION (for a peaceful gospel purpose!)

LOOK out for a peaceful invasion of people from several countries who will be visiting Barry, Cogan, Cosmeston, Dinas Powys, Llantwit Major, Peterston-super-Ely and other communities - to share Good News.

Ken Iveson, the pastor at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Barry explained: "The 'invasion' will be climaxed by three events, and we hope visitors will be given a warm Welsh welcome."

Big Event 1 is a free family fun-day in Victoria Park, Cadoxton, 12pm-4pm, on July 9. It will be another fun-day, even better than last year, when churches in and around Barry will put on family friendly events with all-age races, bouncy castles, face painting, stalls and a variety of entertainment, including the

Titanic Twins, for the community. Be sure to get there early and enjoy all the fun of the fair!

Big Event 2 is in the Memorial Hall, Barry, from 7pm-9pm, on July 9. It is an international event with guests from the States, plus the Bethesda Community Choir from Dinas Powys.

An evening of presenting the gospel through music and drama in a way relevant for today. Tickets and details are available the box-office of the Memorial Hall.

Flyers and announcements in local churches, businesses and newspapers are highlighting dates and times for various other performances in the area.

Big Event 3 is on July 10, from 10.30am-12pm. A combined open air service will take place in Victoria Park involving several local churches.

Boot sale to raise Eisteddfod funds

A CAR boot sale in aid of the Vale of Glamorgan 2012 Eisteddfod appeal is to be held on Barry Comprehensive School car park, Port Road, Barry, on Saturday, July 2.

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THE 58th Barry District Scout and Guide annual fete, will be officially opened at 1.15pm in Romilly Park on Saturday, July 2.

It will feature a field gun display team as well as the usual marching band and Scout and Guide arena events.

Spokesman Gareth Johns said: "Due to circumstances beyond our control, The Tigers children's display team as advertised and listed in the programme will not be performing at the fete. As a replacement, James Dylan's Stuntworld Motorcycle display team will be

showcasing their skills in the arena.

"Due to a larger arena size being required and for health and safety reasons, the available space for public parking will be reduced this year, so patrons should walk or use public transport wherever possible."

Also appearing will be James Dylan's Stuntworld, offering a new-style stunt show with motorcycles and a 'remarkable buggy'.

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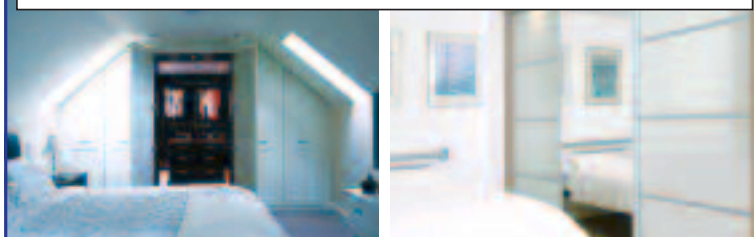
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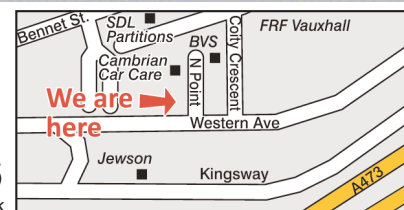
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Flags fly proudly as Vale launches local Armed Forces Week



ON Monday (June 20) the Vale Council held their Armed Forces Day (AFD) flag-raising ceremony in Barry, with the assistance of Royal Air Force personnel based at Mod St Athan and local veterans from the Royal British Legion.

The raising of the AFD flag marks the start of Armed Forces Week, which concludes with a national Armed Forces Day on Saturday June 25, 2011, to be held this year in Coopers Field, Cardiff.

The event began at 9.50am, when the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun John Clifford addressed the assembled guests and onlookers.

On the flag poles the RAF ensign, Welsh and Union flags were already flying. The RAF

St Athan Voluntary Band opened the proceedings with the British National Anthem while Sergeant Rob Pugh and Aircraftman Chris Price, from No 4 School of Technical Training, raised the Welsh and English Armed Forces Day flags.

Following Coun



Clifford's address, the band played the British National Anthem while Sergeant Rob Pugh and Aircraftman Chris Price, from No 4 School of Technical Training, raised the Welsh and English Armed Forces Day flags.

Squadron Leader Adam Davies told the gathering:

"All at Mod St Athan and especially those of us in the RAF hold the links that we have with the local communities of the Vale of Glamorgan very dear."

"With the third National Armed Forces Day approaching on Saturday, we are reminded again of why we are so proud to wear this uniform and serve our country, and why

we are so very grateful to the people of the Vale of Glamorgan for showing us all such fantastic support; it really is very appreciated."

The band then played the Welsh National Anthem, which drew the ceremony to a close.

As always, there was the opportunity for the older Servicemen to mingle and chat with their modern day counterparts before retiring to the Civic Building for refreshments.

CÔR EISTEDDFOD PENARTH CONCERT

THE final event of the National Eisteddfod proclamation weekend will be the Gymanfa Ganu on the Sunday evening by the newly-formed Eisteddfod choir.

The conductor will be Mrs Eleri Roberts and the organist Mr John Wyn Owen, both from the Cowbridge area.

Eleri and Mr Euros Rhys Evans, are co-conductors of the choir. The Gymanfa is being held at St Augustine Church in Penarth on Sunday (June 26) at 8pm and programmes will be available at the door.

The choir will re-start rehearsals for the Eisteddfod concert on the first Tuesday in September at 7pm in Tabernacle chapel in Barry. Everyone is welcome, especially tenors.

Digwyddiad olaf penwythnos y Cyhoeddi fydd y Gymanfa Ganu ar y nos Sul. Hwn fydd perfformiad cyntaf y cor sydd wedi ei sefydlu yn arbennig ar gyfer yr Eisteddfod.

Arweinydd y Gymanfa fydd Mrs Eleri Roberts a'r organydd fydd Mr John Wyn Owen, ill dau o ardal Y Bontfaen.

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Stairlift demo

A STAIRLIFT demonstration is taking place at Age Concern's senior health shop at 38 Holton Road, Barry on Thursday June 30 from 10am-12noon.

BUTLINS' STAFF REUNION PARTY

I AM organising a Butlins' reunion to be held in the Dolphin Bar, opposite the Old Butlins' gates, in Barry Island on Saturday, July 9.

I am asking anyone who worked there to come and share your memories with us all, we are having a disco and karaoke from 8pm-2am, tickets are £5 each and can be purchased from the Dolphin Bar or email me at scotttydotty46@hotmail.com.
Dot Boyle,



OUTING TO THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW

COWBRIDGE support committee for the National Eisteddfod to be held at Llandow next year, is organising a bus trip to the Royal Welsh Show on July 19.

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Flashback to a wedding with a host of memorable characters!

THIS photograph of the wedding of Iris Madgwick and Probert Ewart James in 1934, was taken outside No 1 Maes y Bryn, Colwinston, and includes some notable local personalities.

Iris was secretary to a solicitor in Bridgend; Ewart an accountant in a Port Talbot builders' merchants. He lived in Cwmauon.

In the back row (far left) was Lewis Davies, the son of master grocer Ben Davies. The shop was at the post office in Nolton Street, Bridgend. Ben Davies of 'Llanelli' died in 1903.

He delivered groceries to farms for 10 miles around Bridgend, using a pony and trap.

Second left at the back was David Jenkins of Treharris, whose father sank the colliery in Treharris 1878; the third on the left was Mr Richard Selby, managing director of Wenvoe Quarries, who built the pleasure park at Barry Island for Billy Butlin. Dick was the husband of Madame May Selby of the Handel School of Music, 106 Nolton Street.

Fourth left on the



Wedding of Iris Madgwick and Probert Ewart James outside No 1 Maes y Bryn Xolqinaron in 1934.

back row was Charles Madgwick, a French horn player with the Welsh Guards. He was trained at Kneller Hall - he gave a vigorous musical training to his daughters - Bella, May (Selby) and Iris (the bride).

May and Isabella used to entertain and sing, and accompanied the silent films in Brackla Cinema.

In front of Bill Langton (seated) is Mrs Watts of Brackla Street - one of the kindest ladies in Bridgend, her family graves are in Merthyr Mawr.

His father Edward Langton was an expert moulding artist, who decorated the ceiling in

Cyfartha Castle, followed by the bishop's residence Golden Grove in Llandeilo. He was then asked to decorate Southerndown Castle (a fortified mansion).

May was the wife of Dick Selby, who stands behind her left shoulder.

On the front row left is Elizabeth Madgwick/Davies/nee Langton, sister to William Langton.

Edward Langton, their father lived in Coity by the castle and for a bet

he painted the heads of the apostles on the local pub wall. He was married in 1860 to Salica Owen in Coity Church.

Next to 'Granny Madgwick' is Desmond Jenkins, son of Isabella and David, who became the president of the English-speaking Union, Herts.

Dick Selby lived in Quarella Road, with Ruby Selby his sister. His final resting place is still going on.

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ABOVE: Summer Ghanavati, who will be representing Wales in the Miss Universe finals, was a guest.



Bronwen follows her great-gran in proud Eisteddfod tradition!



BRONWEN BROWN

THIS Saturday's proclamation ceremony for the 2012 National Eisteddfod, which is coming to Llandow in the Vale, will be special for one Cowbridge family.

A total of 34 girls from Vale primary schools have been rehearsing the traditional flower dance for months now, and they will perform in the ceremony in Barry on June 25. However, for one girl, nine-year-old Bronwen Brown, who is a pupil at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Cowbridge, it will be a special family occasion.

Bronwen's mother, Maria, explained: "It was in 1939, when the Eisteddfod was held in Bridgend on Newbridge Fields, that Bronwen's great-grandmother, Annie May Brown, performed the same dance in the same ceremony."

So a mere 72 years later, another member

of the Brown family will be following an ancient Eisteddfod tradition.

• Annie May Brown is pictured in the centre of the photograph above, seated wearing a robe and waited upon by two handmaidens.



Vale ladies know how to iron out the wrinkles!



ABOVE: When you have the responsibility for ensuring the smooth running of the 2012 Eisteddfod proclamation ceremony, there are so many details that need attention.

At 2.15pm this Saturday (June 25) the 100 members of the Gorsedd will join a procession through Barry, before the ceremony at 3pm itself in Gladstone Gardens. So, when the white robes and head dresses were taken out of storage and delivered to Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, a call went out for volunteers to iron them ready for the big-

day. Mair Hughes, a member of Pwylgor Llety a Chroeso, the eisteddfod welcoming committee, told The GEM: "We asked for volunteers to help out, and a number of ladies from around the Vale came long to help."

"We had a very pleasant time and, as we didn't all know each other, we made a few friends, too!" However, The GEM couldn't help noticing that, in these days of so-called equality, not a single man came forward to volunteer for a spot of ironing!

IT ISN'T EASY BEING GREEN...

This Lantern shines, but doesn't burn too brightly

IT isn't easy being green. Just looking at the way that the Incredible Hulk has been received both critically and commercially in his two cinematic outings shows that, but another comic book hero is attempting to make his mark this summer with *Green Lantern*.

Ryan Reynolds plays Hal Jordan, a fighter pilot whose encounter with an alien named Abin Sur (Temuera Morrison) grants him a ring that makes him a member of the Green Lanterns, an interstellar group who police the universe.

However, Jordan and the Lanterns will be tested by both Hector Hammond (Peter Sarsgaard) and the alien Parallax, who intend on wreaking havoc that will affect not just our world but the entire galaxy...

Superhero films tend to rely on reality to be successful. The best of the genre (*The Dark Knight*, *X-Men 2*, *Spiderman 2*) may take the odd flight of fancy here and there, but their grounding in familiar concerns mark them out, while those that are less realistic often flounder (Batman and Robin, anyone?)

Given that the crux of *Green Lantern* requires suspension of disbelief,

coupled with a character not known for having entered mainstream consciousness, it could easily have been a gigantic failure; however, despite the scathing reviews elsewhere, it makes for an enjoyable if slightly rushed film, whose main flaw comes from the poor screenplay.

The choices of both director and cast bear fruit.

Ryan Reynolds exudes both charm and cockiness that makes him an entertaining actor, and he parlays this into the character of Jordan, who finds himself discovering that the universe is protected by a huge number of species from across the galaxy.

Reynolds plays both the fish out of water and the hero well and his performance strikes the right notes, even if the turn relies on Reynolds' stock ability rather than pushing him.

Opposite him, Blake Lively makes for a pleasing foil as his flying partner and love interest, even if she isn't given much of a character by the script, a situation that Peter Sarsgaard also finds himself in as Hammond, a villain seemingly in search of a valid motive.

While director Martin Campbell may have successfully rebooted the James Bond franchise twice, as well as returning Zorro to the big

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screen, he is on less steady ground here.

Certainly, he achieves the aim of shooting the film with a comic book colour scheme that complements the source material, but very rarely are there moments of real excitement.

Instead the action set pieces either rely on some poorly rendered computer effects or sail a little too close to already familiar ones – a helicopter crash reminiscent of the Green Goblin's attack in *Spiderman* a case in point.

But the main letdown here is a script that bears the names of four people but feels like it was written by 40. It is the

rushed feel that impacts the most, leaving Lively and Sarsgaard searching for something to hang their performances on, while it tries to cover so much that even at 105 minutes it feels like it glosses over certain elements.

It also fails to sketch compelling bad guys – after all, heroes are only as good as their villains – with the CGI Parallax reminiscent of the similarly poorly executed *Galactus* from the *Fantastic Four* sequel, and as such renders what could have been an extraordinary superhero a lot more ordinary.

It's a shame that there wasn't more attention paid to the screenplay, as the other ingredients all work well if not superbly; however *Green Lantern* still makes for an enjoyable viewing experience, if not one that will live long in the memory.

VERDICT: An entertaining superhero film that is let down by a weak screenplay and the spectacle that should be compulsory, *Green Lantern* hits the right notes but not loudly enough. Decent turns from the cast live proceedings and make the film a pleasing experience – but that's all. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Dark Knight*, *Superman*, *Fantastic Four*.

Dennis loses his eyebrows to charity!

A BARRY Hospital worker's efforts to improve the stay of patients went so well the success has gone to his head!

Fundraiser Dennis Day pledged that if his latest challenge of growing his hair and beard for months before shaving them off raised more than £1,000 he would take a razor to his eyebrows too.

The 54-year-old was good to his word after raising the cash to buy new flat-screen televisions for ward West Six at University Hospital Llandough.

He explained: "I said that if we raised more than £1,000, I would shave off my eyebrows, too. I'm glad to say that we've done that and so I've been as good as my word."

"I'm probably going to be getting some strange looks from some of the patients."

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board employee spent months growing his hair and beard while collecting sponsorship from the public.



SUMMER UPDATE - 'MEET THE PEOPLE' APPROACHING BRIDGEND...

Enwenny/Enwenny Road/Five Bells Road/Nolton Street profile

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

Gateway to Bridgend is looking forward to the town revamp

THE Enwenny Road and Nolton Street area has long been the 'gateway to Bridgend' – and has slightly suffered in the past as a result, because motorists would drive through and barely give it a second look.

This has always been a pity, and a matter of frustration for traders, because the area offers a surprising variety of businesses plying their

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

trade. It is a great deal more than a collection of take-away restaurants.

However, the situation has changed in recent years because of the arrival of the Asda store, and the parking that it offers at a convenient distance from the town centre.

It is also, of course, convenient parking for the Nolton Street area, and anyone visiting Bridgend should certainly take a small

detour to check out what the area has to offer.

It is, after all, just a short walk through the Brackla Street Centre, with its own mix of fashion, food and furniture stores.

The town end of Nolton Street does feel as if it is part of the town, with a bank, several opticians, a gift shop, coffee shop, and some smart boutiques.

However, upper Nolton Street also

boasts an impressive array of enterprises, including an art gallery, a pharmacy, a dental practice, several hairdressers, a recruitment specialist, a beauty salon, a shop specialising in prom dresses, a beauty salon, an antiques store, a delicatessen, and an acupuncture.

The street also has a number of social enterprises, including the Bridgend Foodbank, Mental Health Matters, and the Solid Rock youth cafe.

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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20)
 Ewenny Road does, of course, stretch out all the way to Ewenny itself, where there are a number of thriving businesses, including a pine furniture shop, an expanding garden centre, hair salon, nursery and dress shop, as well as the two potteries for which the village is so well known.

There is more business activity just around the corner on the road to Ogmere, where a country craft and antique centre is now established.

Returning to the Nolton Street area, another change is planned, because Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) received permission from the Welsh Government some time ago to introduce a one-way system along Nolton Street.

This will mean that the only entrance into Nolton Street will be at the Cowbridge Road junction. The one-way system, when implemented, will make it easier for parking spaces to be created, and it will also make it easier for delivery vans to unload.

At the Brackla Street end of Nolton Street, traffic will no longer sweep right towards Tremains Road.

Instead, all traffic will head left down the Rhiw, and exit the town centre across Water Street Bridge. The junction will be improved to make this left sweep easier.

When the plan was announced, traders were pleased that it would make access to Nolton Street easier, and there was general agreement that it could only be good for trade.

When it comes to retailing, Bridgend has always been more than just a town centre and some superstores, and approaching the town from Ewenny only goes to emphasise this!



ABOVE: Nigel and Deborah Driver, with Rebecca Hooper (centre) of Deli-licious



Julie Hughes of Interiors.



ABOVE: Chris and Caroline Heyns of Wild About Beads.



Matthew McGaw of The Cooker Shop Domestic Appliance Repairs.



Samantha Budd of Samantha 'B' fashions.



James Davies and Jon Mills of Shoecare.



Dion, John and Jordan of Highfashions Salon, Nolton Street.

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Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc Newyddion/NEWS

Tennis

AR Fai'r 10fed bu disgyblion o flynyddoedd 5 a 6 Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc yn cystadlu mewn cystadleuaeth tennis i ysgolion cynradd, yng nhlwb Tennis Windsor, Penarth.

Roedd Tim y Merched yn llwyddiannus iawn gan gyrraedd y rownd derfynol. Llongyfarchiadau mawr i'r tîm ac i'r plant i gyd am chwarae mor dda. Yn ogystal, hoffai'r plant ddiolch i Mr Kenyon eu hyfforddwr am ei holl waith caled.

Tennis

ON May 10, pupils from years 5 and 6 at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc took part in a tennis tournament for primary schools.

They had a successful day, with the girls' team progressing to the finals at the Windsor Tennis Club, Penarth. Well done girls and everyone who took part.

The children would like to thank Mr Kenyon the PE, co-ordinator for coaching them.

Cystadleuaeth Hoci

LLONGYFARCHIADAU i'r tîm hoci am gynrychioli'r ysgol yn erbyn pedwar tîm arall yng nghanolfan y Colcot.

Enillodd nhw un gêm a chwarae yn arbennig o dda drwy gydol y dydd. Diolch unwaith eto i'r trefnydd - Mr Kenyon.

Hockey tournament

CONGRATULATIONS to the hockey team for representing the school against four other teams at the Colcot Sports Centre.

They played very well and won one game. The school is proud of you!! Thanks again to Mr Kenyon for organising the team.

Awduron enwog i'r ysgol

ROEDD Disgyblion dosbarthiadau 2 a 6 Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc yn lwcus iawn i gael ymweliadau gan awduron enwog Cymraeg.

Daeth Meilyr Siôn yr awdur i ymweld â dosbarth 2 i drafod y llyfrau mae wedi ysgrifennu i blant o'r oed yma. Roedd y plant wedi mwynhau ei gyfarfod a darllen ei lyfrau.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i Mrs Andrew a drefnodd hyn ac am drefnu i Eirgan Haf ddod i ddosbarth 6 i son am ei llyfrau a'i gwaith fel awdure i blant.

Bu'r plant yn gweithio'n galed cyn i Eirgan gyrraedd yn ymchwilio i'i gwaith a'i chefnidur ac roedden nhw wrth eu bodd yn ei holi ynglŷn â'i gwaith.

Ers ei hymweliad mae dosbarth 6 wedi bod yn astudio un llyfr yn arbennig sef Yr Allwedd Aur.

Famous authors visit school

CLASSES 2 and 6 in Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc were fortunate to have recent visits from two famous Welsh authors.

Meilyr Siôn, a children's author, visited class 2 to discuss the books he has written. Everyone enjoyed meeting him and reading his books.

The children thanked Mrs. Andrew for inviting him to the school as well as Eirgan Haf, another Welsh children's author.

Year-6 worked hard researching her work and achievements and took the opportunity to question her about her work.

Since her visit, they have studied one of her books in particular, Yr Allwedd Aur.

Cystadleuaeth Roded

LLONGYFARCHIADAU i grwp o blant o flwyddyn 5 a gafodd cyntaf mewn cystadleuaeth roced yng Nghaerdydd.

Roedd y gystadleuaeth i ddylunio a chreu roced ac yna i gystadlu yn erbyn rocedi plant eraill i weld pa

roced oedd yn medru teithio bellaf. Cawsant amser ffantastig, a diolch i Miss Jenkins am drefnu'r digwyddiad. Whoosh!

Rocket Competition

CONGRATULATIONS to the group of children from year-5 who won top spot in the rocket competition in Cardiff on May 10.

The competition was to design and make their own rockets then compete against other children's to find whose rocket would travel the furthest. Thanks to Miss Jenkins for arranging it all.

Noson o dalent -

"Barry's got talent"

CAFWYD noson hwylus iawn yng nghyngherdd "Barry's Got Talent" ar yr Fai yr 17eg.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb a gefnogodd y côr. Er ei bod hi'n noson hwyr mwynheudd y plant pob munud ohono fe!! Rydym wedi derbyn canmlaeth fawr am berfformiad y côr felly da iawn chi blant. Diolch hefyd i Mrs Williams a Miss Hopkins am drefnu a chyd-lynu'r côr.

Barry's Got Talent!

A VERY enjoyable evening was had in the 'Barry's Got Talent' competition on May 17.

Thank you very much to everyone that supported the choir.

Although it was a late night, all the children enjoyed the experience and we have received numerous congratulations for their performance.

Well done to you all and thank you to Mrs Williams and Miss Hopkins for helping the choir.

Rygbi tag

AR yr 11eg o Fai cafodd tîm rygbi Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc brofiad byth gofiadwy wrth iddynt chwarae yn hen stadiwm Y Gleision - Parc yr Arfau.

Enillodd Sant Baruc tair allan o bedair o'u gemau a chwarae yn arbennig o dda drwy gydol y dydd. Roedd Mrs Andrew a Mr Kenyon yno yn cefnogi ac yn gwyllo'r disgyblion talentog.

Barry's Got Talent!

ON May 11, Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc's rugby team had the exciting experience of playing in a tournament in the Cardiff Arms Park, the former Cardiff Blues' stadium.

The team won three out of the four games and played extremely well. Mrs Andrew and Mr Kenyon were there to support and cheer the team along.



ABOVE: A TAG rugby coaching session.

BELOW: The school's hockey team.



ABOVE: The tennis team who competed in Penarth.



ABOVE: The school's winning rocket scientists.



JO'S CHARITY WALK RAISES VITAL FUNDS

DESPITE the bad weather, there was a good turn-out on Sunday, June 12, for the sponsored walk for Jo's Cervical Cancer Campaign at Porthkerry Park, Barry.

Among the wellwishers was Vale AM Jane Hutt AM who commented:

"The event was well supported and I congratulate all those taking part in the sponsored walk to raise funds for Jo's campaign."

Girls' football

TURN up and play football sessions for girls aged 6-11 take place every Thursday from 5.30pm-6.30pm at Sully Sports and Social Club.

All sessions are delivered by qualified coaches who are CRB checked. Come and join in with the fun!

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

This substantial, individually designed family home is conveniently situated within walking distance of Cowbridge town centre. In foreground, one of the two spacious double garages.



1 New Forest View, Cowbridge

THIS individually designed, double-fronted, detached four-bedroom, modern family residence is conveniently situated within five minutes' walking distance of Cowbridge town centre.

It is also minutes away from the highly-regarded and newly re-built Cowbridge Comprehensive School on the edge of this lovely Vale market town.

The particularly attractive property is set back from the road and includes gas heating with panel radiators, and also benefits from double-glazed windows throughout.

The sizeable accommodation includes a large 19ft lounge with box bay window, a separate dining room, a study, a downstairs cloakroom, utility room, large fitted 15 x 14ft kitchen and breakfast room; while on the first floor there are four bedrooms, plus a family bathroom.

Unusually, the property has two separate double-garages, one of which is integral to the property and the other is detached.

Planning permission exists for additional first floor accommodation above the detached garage, to adjoin the main house.

Further potential to develop and extend this unique property exists.

The property is approached from a wide block-paved private entrance drive with space for the parking of four cars, and sits in large gardens of about 0.375 acres, with mature trees and shrubs, unusual to find so near to town.

1 New Forest View, Cowbridge offers a unique opportunity to acquire an ideal family home in a much sought-after rural Vale setting, and is well worth a viewing by prospective purchasers.

• Priced at £500,000, further information is available from PA Black: www.pablack.co.uk or by telephoning: 0845 045 0461.

Barry school pupils back anti-racism campaign



BARRY Comprehensive students linked up with a school in Ghana to fight racism recently, in association with the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card.'

The charity held a national competition for schools to produce designs promoting the message of tolerance.

Art teacher Miss McCormick involved students from Juaben Senior High School in the competition during her recent visit to Ghana. The students in Ghana designed anti-racism posters based around the theme 'unity in diversity'.

The designs were brought back to Barry Comprehensive and were completed by art students. The result was a collection of collaborative entries.

The partnership between the two schools was extremely successful, with Morgan Dowdall (Barry Comprehensive) and Samuel Duah (Juaben Senior High School) winning the year-10 plus poster design category and Barry Comprehensive School, Wales and Juaben Senior High School, Ghana winning the classroom display category.

Students attended the award ceremony at the Millennium Stadium,

where they collected their prizes from actress and TV presenter Lisa Rogers, Cardiff City star Adam Matthews and former WBO and WBU world champion boxer Enzo Macarlinelli.

Red card workshops EVERY Friday for the last few weeks, year-8 pupils at Barry Comprehensive have been lucky enough to take part in workshops run by former professional footballer and ex-Cardiff City striker Christian Roberts.

The sessions are part of the pupils' Personal and Social Education programme and are provided by the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

After taking part in the discussion workshops, the pupils were able to head outside to the school field to play football with Christian, making a memorable end to what hopefully will be a memorable and informative experience.

The school would like to thank Christian Roberts and 'Show Racism the Red Card' for these excellent sessions, which were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the pupils and teachers involved. AC

Athletic seconds extend their winning run against Newport

While Barry Athletic 1st XI were held up at Whitchurch-Heath CC, due to the weather, Simon Phillips extended his winning run as Second XI captain to five matches after a 29-run win over Newport Fugitives in a rain-affected match at the Barry Oval.

Due to incoming showers, later in the day, the match was reduced to 39 overs per innings to ensure there was a result.

After losing the toss and being asked to bat first on a pitch that supported the bowlers, the in-form Stags were up against it after losing Martin Baker (10), Ashley Baker (27), Gavin White (5) and Steve Provis (8) inside the opening 11 overs.

The Stags never really got going with the difficult task of taking control of this match and

with no decent partnerships being made, the Stags were in danger of being dismissed for a below par score.

However, with vital contributions from Andy Ellis (17), Paul Murphy (32 no) and Jake Griffith (16 no), the Stags rallied to 141-6 from their allotted overs.

After the tea session, the Stags made amends for their errors in batting with four quick wickets in a fantastic bowling spell from Dafydd Frost and Jake Griffith.

This was followed by some fantastic economical bowling from Paul Murphy, conceding just eight runs in as many overs.

That, alongside Steve Provis' four wickets, proved to be the fatal blow in the Fugies' run chase and with a fantastic fielding display, the visitors closed on just 112-9 from their 39 overs.

The following day, Andy Ellis' winning run came to an abrupt end as they crashed to a 78-run defeat at the hands of

Croesyceiliog CC in a fiery match at the Barry Oval.

With the pitch still in recovery mode after the early weekend showers, Ellis won the toss and elected to have a bowl first.

The Stags began really brightly, taking an early wicket after what could only be described as a 'pearler' by Dafydd Frost.

Runs were hard to come by and with the Stags on top, there were chances of claiming more wickets.

However, those chances weren't taken and the visitors showed a lot of composure as they set their stall to bat the 40 overs.

At drinks, the Stags had the upper hand with the score on just 66-2 from 20 overs.

However, with wickets in hand, there was a danger of the visitors coming back into the match.

This proved to be the case, as runs began to come off the bat more frequently and despite

more wickets coming towards the end, the fielding was sloppy, meaning that Croesyceiliog were able to close their innings on a more than satisfying 220-6 from their 40 overs.

The second innings began badly for the Stags, as wickets became a regular thing. Almost everyone failed to make an impact on the innings as the 'Croesy' bowlers kept dominating with the ball.

Only Ben Eastman (36) showed some sort of resistance as the Stags had no answer to the high class of bowling.

The Stags struggled to cope with the visitors and eventually collapsed to 142-9 from their 40 overs.

UNDER-9s CELEBRATE AT LISVANE

Barry Athletic under-9s had a successful day at Lisvane as they competed in the latest of their mini-festivals, against Lisvane, Sully Centurions and Llantwit Major.

The mini Stags showed what they were capable of, with some fine shots with the bat and lots of wickets with the ball. Eventually, Barry claimed two wins out of three; thrashing Llantwit Major and Sully Centurions but losing out to a strong Lisvane. After a fine day of youth cricket, the Rim Motors player of the tournament went to Reuben Hopkins after some fine all round play.

AB

NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Tablets and the Cloud

SEVERAL news items are making life interesting for computer users.

We do not cover Apple computers, but we do keep an eye on what Apple is doing, and things seem to be warming up in 'the cloud'.

Or as Steve Jobs of Apple has called it the iCloud to match his iPad. The Cloud consists of a huge number of computers that store vast quantities of data. This is intended to make life easier for everybody because their data (i.e. files) can be stored on-line and the programmes that they use will also be stored on-line and be paid for based on usage.

Your next computer could be cheaper because it will not need to store so many files or programmes. Every time you use a programme you will be running the latest version because the on-line version will be frequently updated. Will it catch on?

Acer and Samsung are already offering laptops using the Chrome operating system. The computers have a hard disk which is solid state (faster because they have no moving parts) and not only programmes, files and settings are stored on-line; the security is dealt with on-line as well, so is not needed on the machine.

Some people will not feel comfortable storing confidential files on-line and relying on the system not to lose them. (There are, of course, those who need no help to lose them on their own!) For them it could be the lesser of two evils.)

It could be a logical step: mobile computing is gaining ground, whether it is around the home or on the road.

There is less need to be tied to a fixed location because of a heavy desktop machine with wires and monitors and external devices.

Even the laptop computer has shrunk; firstly to a notebook computer and lately to a tablet computer such as the iPad and a wealth of others. Many of the capabilities are available on hand-held telephone devices. Think photographs emails and texts.

The race is on to get the perfect balance between converging capabilities (computing, communications, navigation, TV, music, cameras) together with ease of use, price; bulk and design appeal.

Some are forecasting that the days of the desktop computer are numbered; that it will soon be you, your tablet (or iPhone) and the Cloud.

The technology exists. Docking stations can instantly convert your portable device into a desktop workstation with a big-screen monitor, peripheral printer, scanner, and external hard drives.

Soon you will carry a device around an art gallery and it will detect exactly where you are and display a description and information about the work you are studying. This is currently being trialled by Adobe. Are you aware that technology is quietly remodelling our society?

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 28 at All Saints Lesser Hall at 7.30pm. This is our end-of-term 'chips and chat' night with a quiz by Mike J. Visitors welcome. Enquiries to 02920 708439, or visit penarth-computerclub.co.uk.

HOWARD DESMOND

Cursed be he who disturbs the slumbering chieftain!

JEFF led his first walk for the group and six walkers, plus Jodie the dog, accompanied him on the trip up to Cwmcamn.

The name derives from around 942 when it was given to Wulfrith, Bishop of Llandaff and meant the place where the Carn meets the Ebbw.

On a reasonably fine morning, the group left the main car park to begin the slow climb out of the valley past Hollybush Cottage.

Following the contours of the open moorland brought them onto Mynydd Maen, where they encountered the line of boundary stones which are sunk deep into the ground.

The group walked the ridgeway at Mynydd Henllys (old court mountain) with skylarks singing above them and a faraway cuckoo calling and with good views towards the central Brecon Beacons, Risca, Cwmbran, Newport, the Severn Bridge away in the estuary and Flat and Steep Holms in the Bristol Channel.

Unfortunately, by now the weather had begun to change, and with little shelter on the open ridge they made their way to Twmbarlwm, which is 419 metres (1,375ft) above sea level, where they settled in the ditch to have a swift and rather wet lunch break.

NEWS FROM PENARTH & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Settlers came to the uplands around there from the Gwent levels during the Bronze Age and in the Iron Age a hill fort was constructed at Twmbarlwm by the Silures, a Celtic tribe.

According to legend, Twmbarlwm was used by Celtic Druids as a court of justice when the bodies of those found guilty of serious crimes were hurled down the steep mountainside into the valley below, which was known as Dyffryn y Gladdfa, or the Valley of the Dead.

Legend has it that the Celtic chieftain Bran (or raven) was buried near the tump and it is said that anyone disturbing the burial site would suffer a curse, and during the last 200 years, there have been cases of people being attacked by swarms of bees – is this a curse or coincidence?

Glad to get moving again, the group descended back down into the valley before preparing for home.

On June 23, meet at 7pm at the Bridge Café car park, Cold Knap (near Romilly Park) for a 3-mile easy walk across three of Barry's beaches; contact Janet/John on 01446 418514.

JOY STRANGWARD

World Elder Abuse Day exhibition at library



AN exhibition at Barry Library has been set up by the Older Peoples Forum to recognise World Elder Abuse Day.

An interested visitor was the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, who said: "I think this was particularly important given the recent disturbing reports on domestic abuse in Wales, which includes the abuse of older people."

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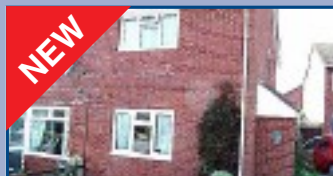
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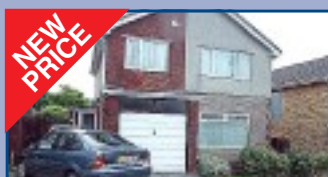
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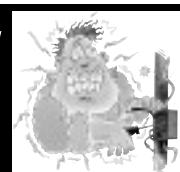
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VALE OF GLAMORGAN CONSTITUENCY

I, the undersigned, Constituency Returning Officer for the Vale of Glamorgan, hereby give notice that I have received the returns and declaration as to election expenses of the under-mentioned candidates and election agents:-

Candidate	Election Agent
Damian Chick	Jeremy Townsend
Jane Elizabeth Hutt	Jeffrey Evans
Ian James Johnson	Keith Hutton
Angela Mary Jones - Evans	Sarah Sharpe

These returns and declarations (including the accompanying documents) can be inspected at The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RU during office hours within the next two years.



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(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NO 58, LLANTWIT MAJOR) PUBLIC PATH CREATION & DEDICATION AGREEMENT 2011

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- The effect of the agreement is to create a public footpath 1.5 metres wide and 744 metres long situated on land east of Summerhouse Point. The footpath commences from Public Footpath 3, Llantwit Major proceeding down a set of steps onto a shingle beach in an easterly direction then north east through a vegetated verge entering into a field. Upon entering the field the path follows an easterly alignment to a kissing gate and then north along the western side of a field boundary to meet Public Footpath 19, St Athan at the historic parish boundary, whereupon it terminates.
- The Agreement comes into operation with immediate effect.

Dated this 23 June 2011

Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration,
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Bowlers are involved in tight contest

BARRY Athletic's PG1 team were involved in a keen contest at Cardiff Athletic last Saturday.

Despite losing heavily on one rink, the Island club came home with 11 points and a 79-72 score, to maintain their unbeaten sequence.

Dean Rees' rink again produced excellent form to boost the overall match result with an impressive 30-12 win, while Glyn Thomas came in with a 22 - 15 scorecard.

Captain Robert Horgan was engaged in a close encounter throughout and earned a point in a 15-15 draw.

There was an unexpected 12-30 defeat for Chris Blake's rink against a Cardiff Athletic four that included Welsh Bowling Association President, Malcolm Gilmore.

Scores: J Bealand, DK Williams, B Parrish, D Rees 30-12; G Gane, L Stanley, R Cowling, G Thomas 22 - 15; S McKernan, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan 15-15; D Snelling, K Harris, G Whittaker, C Blake 12 - 30.

Paul Clarke's A team recorded their fifth successive PG2 win of the season, beating Barry Plastics at Sully, where they overcame a tricky, bumpy green to collect another 12 points.

The difficult surface and strong wind off the Bristol Channel did not favour the drawing bowlers, while the home team's failure to name a full 16-man squad did not help matters.

BP had to field two triples, which meant they lost 25 per cent of the score on two rinks.

Nevertheless, the Athletic won on three rinks, with Billy Wright back to winning ways with a 30-11.75 win in a rink that included Eric Booker, Roger James and Paul Webley.

Gareth Humphreys' rink (Alan Thomas, Albert Minter and Dave Newman) were in good form with a 25-19 score, while Ivor Stevenson was also successful - his lineup defeating another home trio.

Skip Colin Spillane, top rink in recent weeks with a series of fine all-round performances, failed to adjust to the extremely testing green and slipped to a rare defeat.

Scores: E Booker, R James, P Webley, B Wright 30-11.75; C Phillips, D Coombs, B Summerell, I Stevenson 21-15 3/4; D Evans, P Clarke, G Jones, C Spillane 13-28; A Thomas, A Minter, D Newman, G Humphreys 25-19.

The Athletic's third Centenary fixture of the

season - against a strong Welsh Bowling Association president's team - was another success, the top rink going to a home four.

On a superb green at Barry Island, Geoff Whittaker skipped his rink to an impressive win in a lineup featuring Alan Thomas, Don Evans and DK Williams.

The attractive fixture was sponsored by Gareth Humphreys, who also captained the Athletic team.

Gareth recalled that he and the visiting WBA president, Malcolm Gilmore (Cardiff Athletic), made their Welsh International debut in the same match back in 1963 - and both are still bowling well!

The Munro Cup team continued their good run with a 10-shot win - and 12 points - at Millwood on Wednesday night.

It was the Athletic midweek squad's fourth win, with skip Geoff Whittaker taking top honours (22-13).

Eric Booker and Derek Coombs played their part up front, while the enthusiastic Chris Wright was a reliable third to Geoff.

Brian Whitlock's rink (Roger James, Alf Piddock and Bill Summerell) came in with a 22-17 win that included three fours, while Dave Snelling's lineup kept their nerve late in the game to win by one shot.

Scores: E Booker, D Coombs, C Wright, G Whittaker 22-13; R James, A Piddock, B Summerell, B Whitlock 22-17; C Phillips, R Gillham, L Stanley, D Snelling 14 - 13 A Thomas, J Morton, G Jones, B Wright 12-17.

WHAT'S ON

Summer party FOLLOWING on the recent royal wedding celebration at Market Street, Barry, which raised £200 for Marie Curie, the next event is a 'tropical summer party' at Market Street Sports and Social Club on Sunday, July 24, from 2pm-5pm.

All proceeds are again being donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

See facebook under Barrybados Totally Tropical Summer Party.

Church open day
ST PETER'S Church, Old Cogan, is holding its annual open day on Saturday, July 9, at 2pm-5pm.

As well as learning about its history, there will be a chance to get groovy with the New Georgia Jazz band.

Plants, bric-a-brac, book and cake stalls.

Poor start costs team dear at Ystradfechan MIXED FORTUNES FOR DINAS POWIS BOWLERS

ON Saturday, June 11, Dinas Powis PG1 side travelled to Ystradfechan hoping to continue their excellent start to the season.

On a difficult green they started badly, and were 17 shots down at 5 and 10 ends.

A comeback looked possible at 18 ends, by which Dinas trailed by only 7 shots, unfortunately that was as close as they came and they ended the game 10 shots adrift (66-76), losing on all rinks and regretting their poor start to the game.

Scores: D Vowles, A

Wedlake, C Todd, G Williams 16-19; G White, M Clarke, M Woodcock, A Meddins 17-20; A Harvey, A Desrosiers, G Griffiths, N Leigh 20-22; M Diment, H Meddins, R Jones, M Ackland 13-15.

Playing the Ystradfechan PG2 side were in good form coming away with an 11 points to 3 win.

In the lead from the start Dinas went into a 9 shot lead after 10 ends with 3 rinks up.

By end 18 the lead was 14 shots, a lead they maintained until the end (89-75).

A good win securing an 11 points to 3 victory.

Scores: D James, P Marks, J Porter, N Giles 21-17; D Parker, G Welch, D Ireland, M Edwards 21-21; C Reynolds, B Griffiths, A Woodcock, P Critcher 27-16; L Peters, G Parr, C Scott, A Jones 20-21.

The roles were reversed last Saturday with home and away fixtures against the much fancied Penylan squads.

As expected, the PG1 side had a very close game.

The early stages saw Penylan edge into the lead.

At 10 ends Penylan led by 6 shots.

Maintaining their form Dinas came back to lead by 6 after 18 ends.

Penylan fought back to end the game 4 shots adrift, giving Dinas Powis a well deserved

74-70 victory by 10 points to 4.

Scores: A Harvey, A Desrosiers, G Griffiths, N Leigh 21-16; G Parr, H Meddins, R Jones, M Ackland 17-20; D Parker, A Wedlake, C Todd, G Williams 24-15; D Vowles, M Edwards, M Woodcock, A Meddins 12-19.

In the away fixture, Dinas PG2 side had a difficult afternoon, los-

ing on 3 rinks and by 25 shots (53-78) overall, gaining just 2 points to 12 against.

Scores: N Giles 20-4; A Jones 8-23; R Osbourne 16-21; P Critcher 9-30.

This Saturday, Dinas look forward to resuming their WBA Carruthers Shield campaign with a home fixture against Kidwelly.

AMD

Lady bowlers grab tight win

ON Tuesday

Llantwit Major

Ladies bowlers welcomed Pencoeed BC for a Cowbridge

Challenge Shield Match, winning on one rink but took the overall score of

52 - 50 to gain 6 points from 10.

The rinks were Kay Johnes, Val Baelz, Margaret Morgan and May Davies 15-17. Edna Hardie, Julie Molloy, Marian Lewis and Pat Cook 16-18. Liz Crouch, Ann Mutlow, Etta Gray and Carol Willmot 21-

15.

On Thursday Llantwit players travelled to Barry Millwood BC for a league match.

Again they only won on one rink and the overall score of 38-50 meant they gained 2 points from 10.

The rinks were Kay Johnes, Ann Mutlow, Pat Cook and Marian Lewis 10-22; Edna Hardie, Margaret Horgan, Peggy Pike and Margaret Morgan 13-14; Liz Crouch, Carol Willmot, May Davies and Etta Gray 21-15.

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Barry Beavers in celebration mood

THE Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club had cause to celebrate after winning eight gold cups at Gwent Dolphins Gala in Cwmbran.

It won the mixed relay (four medals), ladies 100 metres, girls 100 metres, boys 25 metres and girls 50 metres, competing with six other disabled swimming clubs.

The club was also successful at several recent league swims, and will compete in Swansea next Saturday, before taking part in a gala on July 2 at Bedwas Penguins.

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BARRY ATHLETIC BOWLS ROUND-UP

Six in a row as first team wins yet again!

BARRY Athletic recorded a splendid Private Greens double last Saturday – with fine wins for the first and second teams.

The first squad proved too strong for hosts Penhill and collected a maximum 14 points with a 107-59 score.

It was their sixth straight win and once again they produced an impressive all-round performance that featured big rink wins.

Scores v Penhill: G Gane, L Stanley, R Cowling, G Thomas 26-20; D Snelling, K Harris, G Whittaker, C Blake 29-12; J Bealand, D K Williams, B Parrish, D Rees 24-13; S McKernan, D Jones, C Wright, R

Horgan 28-14.

The A team maintained their winning ways with a 93 shots to 67 success against Penarth Windsor at Barry Island.

Two vastly-experienced skips, Gareth Humphreys and Colin Spillane, ensured victory with runaway scores.

Top honours again went to Colin's rink – Don Evans, Paul Clarke and Gary Jones – with an outstanding 35-5 scorecard.

Gareth's lineup of Alan Thomas, John Ball and Dave Newman, were 28-12 winners, but skips Billy Wright and Ivor Stevenson were second best on this occasion. Nevertheless, another 10 points in a top of the table performance, with the A team still unbeaten.

Scores v Penarth

Windsor: A Thomas, J Ball, D Newman, G Humphreys 28-12; E Booker, B Summerell, M Vaughan, B Wright 14-27; D Evans, P Clarke, G Jones, C Spillane 35-5; C Phillips, B Turner, A Mintern, I Stevenson 16-23.

The midweek Munro Cup side registered their third win of the season at Barry Island last Wednesday night, beating Barry Central by seven shots in what was a close contest throughout.

Consistent Skip Brian Whitlock was top rink (16-9) and Chris Wright had a one shot win.

Scores v Barry Central: C Phillips, J Morton, B Turner, B Whitlock 16-9; A Thomas, R James, G Jones, D Newman 17-20; C Rossiter, J Coll, B Summerell, B Wright 12-12; R Gillham, D Coombs, E Booker, C Wright 14-13.

Two Barry Athletic bowlers, Robert Horgan and Chris Blake, are named in the Wales squad for the British Isles Championships in Scotland next month.

Both are established internationals with Chris first capped in 1994 and Robert in 1999. CP

TKD club's community chest grant

LLANHARRY-based Wales TKD has received a community chest grant from Sport Wales.

This will be a huge benefit to the club and its members, enabling us to buy more equipment and making us one of the best equipped Tae Kwon Do clubs in the area.

The money will be spent on floor mats, punch bags, shields and a much-needed board-breaking stand.

Coach Gary Luce said: "We also held our first fundraising event at the end of May, which was a great success."

"Thanks to Sue for all her help and Laura who supplied an amaz-

ing buffet, and a big thank you to all the parents who made it a brilliant night enjoyed by all.

"We would also like to congratulate the students who took part in the Celtic Cup at Penarth Leisure centre on June 11.

"There were clubs from all over the UK and Poland, but we came away with four trophies.

"Congratulations to Emma Heaslip, Joshua Heaslip, Bethan Ashford (bronze patterns), Seren Dupree (bronze patterns), bronze sparring, and bronze special technique."

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THE latest Honda Civic, which has a 1.8 engine, recently managed to achieve near diesel-like economy from a petrol engine car.

Driving for maximum economy over more than 100 miles, the Civic 1.8 Si returned 52.5 to the gallon according to the car's onboard computer – a 24 per cent margin of improvement over the official average mpg for the car.

The run was carried out in atrocious driving conditions with temperatures below zero.

Honda claims the i-VTEC engine used in the Civic will return 42.2mpg on average, which in this day and age is about the norm for 1.8-litre hatchbacks.

A Honda spokesman said: "While a 2.2-litre diesel Civic in similar trim is rated at 53.3mpg, you have to factor in the difference in fuel costs of around 20p per gallon, and the initial outlay of £19,395 for the car – some £1,500 more than the petrol version. "Unless you are going to keep the car for a long time or clock up serious mileage, a petrol version has the edge when it comes to running costs of about 2p per mile".

The route was from Shropshire to Worcester – via Abergavenny – and is a tried and tested economy run, crossing the Brecon Beacons, heading south and then a long uphill haul for the return journey.

It has been used in MPG Marathons and is an acknowledged test of both car and driver.

The spokesman added: "Although we had the air conditioning off, the heater was high because of the wintry weather – and conditions meant we were driving on headlamps which is another energy drain.

"The key to getting the best mpg out of any car is a smooth driving style and changing gear at the right moment, something which is easy on the Civic – thanks to a gear shift indicator flanking the digital speedo on the Civic's high tech dashboard advising when to change up or down.

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ABOVE: Tony and most of boys after the Tesco Cup Final in Bridgend.

THE PANTHERS SAY FAREWELL TO SEASON - and also to the Grigorious!

PORTHKERRY Panthers under-13s would like to say a big thank you to Tony Grigoriou, team manager, and club captain Anton Grigoriou as they bid farewell to Barry for sunny California.

Tony has been involved with Porthkerry Panthers for more than 10 years and Anton has been club cap-

tain and a key player for several seasons; the highlight was seeing him lift the cup final trophy last season.

The boys wish the Grigoriou's the very best for the future.

This year was a case of so near yet so far, losing narrowly 2-1 in the south Wales final of the prestigious Tesco Cup to a strong Rhiwbina side.

Also they just missed out (twice) to the undefeated Llantwit side, 1-0 in the cup final and by 1 point in the league!

Rob Jones will manage the team this season, ably supported by the parents and with high quality coaching and training sessions by ex-professional Mike Fowler.

Formal training starts on July 2 on the Buttrills at 10.30am and new players are welcome.

Call Rob on 07505125772 for more information.

Mike Bond

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Barrivale results

LATEST results from Barrivale:

Tuesday, June 14; 1st Irene Thomas & Graham Jones - 56.77%; 2nd Alan Jones & Lyn Matthews - 55.21%; 3rd Judith Owen & Helen Jordan 54.69%.

Judith & Helen won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, for more information ring 01446 733425.

Mike Bond

Local sailors selected for Great Britain teams



Will Creaven (right) with the European Championship Team

A GROUP of young sailors who have trained together in Cardiff Bay for five years have been rewarded for their efforts with places in Great Britain's top junior sailing teams.

Matt Whitfield (14) from Stanwell School, won the Optimist Class selection trials in Pwllheli and will be off to the world championships in New Zealand at Christmas.

Will Creaven (14) also at Stanwell, won a place in the European team and will be competing in Portugal in July.

In the Laser 4.7 Selection Trials, David Pain (15), again Stanwell, clinched a world championship place.

His event is in San Francisco in July and along with team mate Gareth Viney (14) of Cowbridge School, won selection for the 4.7 European team travelling to Warkum in the Netherlands in July.

Their successes continued after the national trials with Matt winning the Optimist Inland championships and Will coming fourth.

Matt and Gareth then teamed up for the RS Feva National Championships and sailed impressively to take the silver medal, narrowly missing out on the gold to the reigning world champions.

Matt then continued his run by winning the RS Feva Inland championships last weekend, this time narrowly beating the world champion team.

Last, but by no means least, David competed in the RYA youth (under-19) national championships in



David Pain sailing his Laser
PICTURE: DAVID NEWTON

Hayling Island and gained ninth place overall (seventh GBR) making him the top Welsh sailor as well as top GBR junior boy in the Laser Radial class at the championships.

The Welsh Yachting Association is delighted to have such a close knit group graduating so successfully from their squad system onto the wider stage, and wish them every success in their forthcoming major events.

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Cowbridge first team win in the battle of low scores

LLANELLI first XI were welcomed to Cowbridge's Athletic Field on Saturday in this Second Division clash.

The umpires deemed that the bowler's run-up at the Leisure Centre end was too soggy, but along came the chairman with his dry blanket and fork, and thanks to him and a drying wind the game began 45 minutes later.

Mike Lloyd, captain for the day, carried on Tom Merilaht's tradition of losing the toss, so the home side were put in to bat.

The game was reduced to 43 overs, just like the previous weekend.

Cowbridge First XI scored 137 runs, with the top order making starts but not one of them could carry on and make a significant score.

Sam Wood (18), Mike Lloyd (19), Adam Wood (26) and Ryan Taylor (28) were the main scorers, while the others perished chasing runs in the closing overs as they

pushed for a higher score.

Perhaps a commendable performance in the circumstances, but surely this was not enough to trouble the visitors.

The Cowbridge bowlers would have to put up a superb performance if they were to restrict the opposition.

To win they would have to bowl out Llanelli, and that's precisely what they did.

Ali Bilal led the attack superbly, bowling straight and true, he posed problems for the batsmen from the start.

At the end of his superb spell his figures were 5-25 in 15 overs, certainly his best performance of the season so far as he captured five of the top six batsmen.

With Ryan Taylor (2-31) and Will Haines (3-29) they demolished the opposition for 105, winning by 32 runs.

Victories on successive weekends must give them enormous confidence, as table-topping Llangennech are the visitors this week.

The first XI is at home again this Saturday and welcomes your support; the second XI travel west.

Cowbridge second XI slips up for the first time this season

WITH Cowbridge second XI top of the table, they were keen to maintain this position with a further victory against Llanelli.

There were good contributions from both Jason Sami and Zac Summer-Hayes, who applied themselves superbly to push the Cowbridge total over 120 to secure a vital further batting point, finally finishing on 130 off their 50 overs.

Cowbridge knew that they would have to bowl and field well to restrict Llanelli.

In the end, despite fine bowling from Harri Collier, John Gilbert, Ian Evans, and Tim Cox, Llanelli reached the target off 41 overs for the loss of five wickets.

JW

Ty Hafan children try on star's gold medal!

RIGHT: 13-year-old Victoria Godwin with paralympian David Roberts.



ELEVEN times Paralympic gold medalist David Roberts paid a visit to Ty Hafan recently and the youngsters were able to try on his gold medal!

The swimmer is currently

recovering from post injury surgery, but is anxious to get back into full training working towards London 2012, where he hopes to beat the gold medal record of another Welsh star, Tanni Gray-Thompson.

"After attending the Ty Hafan sporting lunch in Cardiff, I became very aware of the incred-

ible work that the charity carries out with life-limited children and their families from across Wales," commented David.

"It was a real privilege to be able to meet some of the children and staff at Sully and, if only for a short time, be part of something so special. It was a very humbling experience," David added.

Alfie opts for another year at Crusaders

BRIDGEND'S Gareth Thomas has decided to prolong his rugby league career by signing a new one-year contract with Crusaders.

The new deal means Thomas, 36, will remain with Wales' only Super League club until the end of the 2012 season.

A Crusaders spokesman said: "He has been a key part of head coach Iestyn Harris' plans this season.

Thomas has made 13 appearances for the club this season, scoring 4 tries and blossoming since moving to centre."

Gareth said: "I am really excited to be signing for another year at the Crusaders.

"This is only my second season as a rugby league player, and it is only now that I am beginning to really learn and enjoy the game for what it is, and I feel to stop that process now would be a real shame.

"To stay on with the Crusaders, who are a

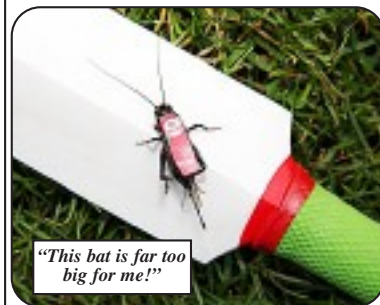
Welsh rugby team with big ambitions, is something I am proud of and I am really pleased to be a part of those ambitions and to do my part to help the club and its profile grow."

Crusaders head coach Iestyn Harris believes Thomas has proved a lot of the sceptics wrong since joining he Crusaders: "A lot of eyebrows were raised when we signed Gareth but we knew we were getting an outstanding player.

"He is a superb athlete who has worked incredibly hard since coming here and he looks like he's been playing rugby league all his life.

"His experience has been invaluable to the squad and everyone at the club has been impressed with his attitude and work ethic. Gareth has the enthusiasm and energy of a 20-year-old and I hope that continues to rub off on the rest of the squad."

ECB unveils Dragons' latest t20 signing!



A L V I R O PETERSEN had better watch his back after the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) unveiled Glamorgan's latest stars.

To promote The Dragons' involvement in the year's competition, the governing body has created a unique marketing concept called "cricketvertising" which sees branding transferred directly on to live crickets of the insect variety.

Aidan Campbell to hand-paint the crickets using water-based transfers and the insects are now set to become the game's latest stars after receiving their own personal photoshoot which will be used to promote The Dragons' fixture list.

Following their 15 minutes of fame, the Friends Life t20 crickets have now been released back into the wild close to the SWALEC Stadium.

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NEWS FROM CADOXTON SCHOOLS OF TAE KWON DO

Students win Masters trophies

Pictured are: Morganne Gomez Jones, Jamie Halford, Liam Rees, Chelsea Rees, Matthew Bennett, Charlotte Sullivan, Lucy Newman, Bradley Halford, Thomas Haysham, Cameron Williams, Cody Jacobsen, Dafydd Jones, Ollie Tipples and Cian Allen.

RECENTLY, the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do attended the third tournament of a series of six Welsh master tournaments.

Once again, the students representing the Cadoxton School did their instructors and parents proud, with the club bringing home a collection of 25 trophies.

Successful in their respective categories were: Lucy Newman, third in point sparring and third in the pattern section; Matthew Bennett, first in continuous and second in point sparring; Cain Allen, second in continuous and third in point sparring; Bradley Halford, first in continuous and second in point sparring; Thomas Haysham, first in continuous, first in point sparring and second in the pattern section; Liam Rees, second in continuous sparring; Cameron Williams, first in continuous and first in point sparring; Dafydd Jones, second in point and third in continuous sparring;

Tracey Goodwin, first in continuous sparring and first in the adult patterns; Chelsea Rees, third in continuous sparring; Jamie Halford, first in continuous and second in the men's point sparring, also second in the youth point sparring.

The unluckiest competitor on the day was young Ollie Tipples, who, due to some dubious judging, came away with third place in the continuous sparring. However, he made sure of his first place in the point sparring section.

Competing only for the second time, five-year-old Cody Jacobsen came away with a well-deserved second place in the continuous sparring.

Morganne Gomez Jones and Charlotte Sullivan just missed out on a podium place this time.

The club are now in serious training for the World Games, which are being held in Cardiff during August of this year and are actively seeking sponsors for this event.

For further information and training times phone Barry 01446 406372. RT



Vale Reds go west for football festival

THE Vale Reds disability football team recently travelled to Aberystwyth to play in the mid-Wales football festival.

After a two-and-a-half hour drive in the rain, they went head-to-head with teams from all over Wales.

A spokesman said: "They played four hours of games in the wind and rain. The over-16 championship side made it through to the semi-final of their group, but lost out to

Mochdre Lions FC from North Wales.

"The over-16 premier side had a mixed day and just missed out on a semi-final place. Despite the rain, everyone had a great time and came away happy but very wet.

"The club and coaches would like to thank all the players for their hard work at the festival. We would also like to thank CJ Transport for the hire of the mini bus, and Keith who drove the bus there and back." NL

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Local syndicate celebrate their new addition

MEMBERS of the Treoes Racing Club Syndicate have had plenty to smile about in the past.

They now believe they will have plenty to smile about in the future, as their new syndicate horse is a six-year-old mare called *Present Your Case*.

Aberthyn trainer Tim Vaughan says: "*Present Your Case* is exactly the type of horse I like to buy, a very consistent type by a great sire, with an attractive handicap mark. She looks a sure winner over hurdles this summer and could well have the scope to jump fences in due course."

She has already been placed in novice hurdles and National Hunt flat races and Tim says she will be ready to run in four to six weeks time.

Jonathan Phillips, spokesman for the syndicate, said: "This is the seventh syndicate horse we have had since our first horse three years ago and four of them have been winners including *Totoman*, *Etoile D'Or* and *Louis Ludwig*, who incidental-

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

ly was third at Worcester recently. We also have *Billybo* a winner at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point in March."

Meanwhile, Welsh trainers John Flint, Rebecca Curtis, Debbie Hamer and Bernard Llewellyn all saddled winners at Ffos Las last Thursday.

Flint, from Kenfig Hill, was successful with 14-1 chance *Montana Gold*. Curtis won with *Black Jack Blues*. Hamer, who hails from the Bridgend area, with 7-1 chance *Grovemere* and Bargoed's Llewellyn with 12-1 shot *Conellie* who, like *Montana Gold*, was ridden by Donal Fahy.

RAISING FUNDS FOR ISABEL

PROMPTED by the recent injury suffered by local jockey Isabel Thompsett, the south and west Wales point-to-point area injured riders fund will be holding a family

fun day at Merthyr Mawr, near Bridgend (by kind invitation of the Tudor family) on Sunday, June 26, starting at 12 noon.

There will be a knockout rounders competition (£30 per team of 10), teams to register prior to event by contacting Emma Jones, email ek.jones@btinternet.com or 07736 553011.

There will also be a south Wales and Monmouthshire point-to-point dinner and presentation of annual awards on Saturday, July 9 at the Holiday Inn, Newport (guest speaker Luke Harvey).

Contact Guy Lewis on 07778 333779 or Carole David on 07973 261384;

Gifts to be auctioned currently include an original Dent's water-colour of Isabel and John on their gallops at Bargoed. All proceeds from both events will go towards the Isabel Thompsett recovery fund.

BRIAN LEE



TAOW students.

TAOW'S TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

STUDENTS from Tae Kwon Do Academy of Wales travelled to Penarth on Saturday, June 11 for the Celtic Cup.

There were schools from all over Europe, and TAOW did themselves proud, coming away with 20 trophies in total, two of which were gold in sparring, won by Simran Athwal and India Howells.

Six silvers were won by Caitlin Morgan, Sam Boyd, Eve Evans, Emma Powson, India Howells and Dewi Casley, who won two fights to get into the final and lost to an excellent fighter.

Winning bronze were Jordan Sage (two), Jessica Morgan, Jade Evans, Ria Athwal, Daniel Morris, Brandon Nelson, Ellie Russel, Jason Russel, Ellie May Picton and Hollie Roberts.

It was an excellent day and TAOW came back very proud of every single student.

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Some of the students pictured at the event in Penarth.

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CADOXTON BOWLING ROUND-UP

Bowlers earn a Munro Cup win

THE visit of Cowbridge in the Munro Cup fixture resulted in a Cadoxton win with 12 points.

Graham Brown met the very useful Dennis Snelling as his opposing skip, and they were the only home rink without success.

Howard Craven scored three singles but then conceded a five on the next.

By the eighth end the scores were level, and at this stage the home rink took over by scoring on eight of the next nine ends.

Although the run was ended with two singles, a four on the final end completed the success.

Alan Carpenter's rink took a 6-1 lead and although this was pegged back to one shot, they failed on only two further ends.

Les Cundliffe's rink were 3-4 down after six ends, but then a surge brought 16 shots in the next seven ends to build an unassailable lead.

G Solomon, H Hellyar, I Robertson, G Brown 12, T Dunsworth, B Looker, C Wilson, D Snelling 21; G Powell, J Sugden, J Stewart, H Craven 19, J Jones, C Pritchard, L Taylor, M Bradley 10; S Clements, M Matthews, M Curtis, A Carpenter 19, G Moreton, A Wallace, J Trott, S Dickens 10; S Clarke, G

Davies, L Davies, L Cundliffe 23, M Davies, M Davey, P Launder, B Richards 7.

Final score, 73-48. CADOXTON V FAIROAK - ML3

Fairoak were the visitors at Cadoxton for this ML3 game.

The outcome was a welcome 12 points for the home team.

The biggest input to the win came from the rink skipped by Graham Brown who, after a single each on the opening ends, took a 13-1 lead before the opposition scored again with two twos.

From then on the scoring was more evenly shared and it finished with a 11 shot advantage.

Kelvin Chedzoy's rink trailed 4-6 after seven ends, but a five put them in front. This was shortly followed by two fours which put them in control.

Although the gap narrowed, seven shots against two during the last five ends gave them victory.

Meanwhile the four skipped by Howard Craven found the going tough and after eight ends were trailing 1-15.

They began clawing their way back, but when holding three shots, the opposing skip trailed the jack and with no bowls at the back, Cadoxton conceded a four.

Further disaster came

when another four against on the following end took the game out of their reach.

With the overall score close at this stage they collected a welcome single on the last end.

Don Kuhnell was skipping the last rink on the green, and although leading throughout, five shots were dropped in three ends to narrow the advantage to just two shots.

A welcome single on the penultimate left the overall aggregate four shots, which was reproduced on the last.

Each rink produced a single on the final end to ensure this narrow win.

P Ellis, D Brook, I Robertson, G Brown 20-9; K Tanner, J Crout, L Davies, H Craven 10-28; Bishop, J Sugden, J Davies, D Kuhnell 17-13; M Matthews, W Vaughan, L Cundliffe, K Chedzoy 25-17.

Final score: 72-67. CADOXTON V PENYRHEOLA - ML5

The A side travelled to Penyrheol and found the opposition much tougher than the previous week, and only managed two points.

This was secured by the rink skipped by Roy Harding.

The match was close in the opening period with the scores tied at nine each after ten ends.

A six shot advantage

was obtained, before three losing ends reduced the gap to two.

Seven more were then scored, including a four on the penultimate, to ensure their win.

The other three rinks were never in with a shout. Graham Garland were 14 behind before opening their scoring with 11 shots against four over the next seven ends.

The opposition then piled the agony on again with a 15 shot advantage, which was reduced on the last three ends.

John Stewart's rink made little impression trailing 12-1, then 17-4 and 22-7, and finished 17 shots adrift.

Alan Carpenter also had problems on his rink, but only on the closing stages.

They lead 5-1 and did not relinquish the lead until the 14th end with the score at 10-12.

A single on the next was the last scoring end, while conceding 14 shots.

G Powell, J Maidment, R Cole, R Harding 23-16; J Stacey, L Tanner, M Curtis, G Garland 15-26; D Fanning, D Tuck, G Davies, A Carpenter 11-26; L Adams, I Dunbar, S Clarke, J Stewart 10-27.

Final score: 59-95.

DH



Lady Captain's prize day at Brynhill golf club

LEFT: Captain's prize silver winner, Jan Robertson with ladies captain Robbie Lee.

ONE of the most popular competitions of the ladies' golf calendar, the Lady Captain's Prize, was played at Brynhill last Tuesday.

The weather was pleasant, and the ladies grateful that the strong winds of the previous weekend had died down.

The prizes for this competition are selected by the lady captain. This year, Robbie Lee, who had spent part of her childhood near Barmouth, close to the Cligau gold mine, not surprisingly chose Cligau gold necklaces.

The two delighted

winners were presented with these beautiful pieces of jewellery in the clubhouse late in the evening.

Silver winner - Jan Robertson with 35 points; bronze winner - Hilary West with 37 points.

Julie Harkin was thrilled to win the raffle prize, a £50 voucher donated by Maria Gentile.

Badger Cup winners - Linda and Tony Howlett with 44 points, who will now go on to represent Brynhill at Whitchurch in the regional finals on July 27.

FORTHCOMING LADIES EVENTS Saturday, July 2 -



Captain's prize bronze winner, Hilary West.



Raffle prize voucher winner, Julie Harkin

Brynhill Ladies Open, teams of three. Start times still available, contact secretary Helena Coombes.

Tuesday, July 19 - Vice captain's prize presentation.

Friday, August 5 - Ladies day out to Woodlake Park, Abergavenny. Tuesday, August 9 - Finals day and presentation dinner.

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Evenlode school serve up success (again) at tennis

TENNIS-MAD pupils at Evenlode Primary School, Penarth, have again shone in the annual Vale of Glamorgan schools tennis championship.

They were successful in five out of nine events at the county-wide competition, organised by Tennis Wales, the Vale Council's Dragon Sport team, and local tennis clubs.

In the youngest age group of year-3 and under (mini red), Evenlode took a clean sweep of the boys, girls and mixed titles, while girls from the school also tasted success in the year-5 and under (mini orange) tournament, with Llansannor scooping the boys prize and St Andrews Major the mixed title.

Dinas AGM

DINAS POWYS Football Club AGM will be held at the Parish Hall in Dinas Powys on Wednesday, June 6 at 7pm.

In the oldest age group of year 6 and under (mini green), the boys from Evenlode took top spot, while the girls title was won by St Andrew's Major and Sully triumphed as the mixed champions.

Ben Williams, the Vale Council's Active Young People Co-ordinator, said: "Congratulations to all of the pupils who took part, and thanks to Dinas Powys, Windsor and Penarth Tennis Clubs for hosting the events, and all of the parents, teachers and tennis club coaches - Rob Walbyof, Melissa House and Rob Cunningham - for all their hard work."

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